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## 'Salary cuts benefit no one'

The CNMI as a whole should be growing, encouraging higher pay for its professionals, its people, and its economy.

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Instead of slashing the salaries of Commonwealth Casino Commission board members and capping the salaries of its employees, the Legislature can make better use of its time by figuring out ways to progress rather than imposing limitations on hardworking government employees.



DeLeon Guerrero



Morrell

That, essentially, was the response of CCC board chair Edward C. DeLeon

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### NMC-CREES INTERN

Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research, Extension, & Education Service recently hosted Catherine Atalig, second from right, as a social impact intern. Atalig is a senior studying Environmental Studies and Computer Science at Swarthmore College. She has been working with the NMC-CREES Nutrition and Health program and the CNMI Board of Parole Office on food security, agroforestry and restorative justice. Atalig created an interest survey, compiled results, and presented her findings to the CNMI-BOP. The interest survey was created to gauge parolees' interest in gardening and agroforestry. In addition, Atalig was able to assist in enhancing the Susupe Community Garden by designing and painting a new SCG welcoming sign. Others in the photo are, from left, NMC-CREES Agroforestry and Food & Nutrition Security extension agent Jesse DeLeon Guerrero, CNMI parole officer Ray Dador, and CNMI parole officer Shirlene C. Laniyo.

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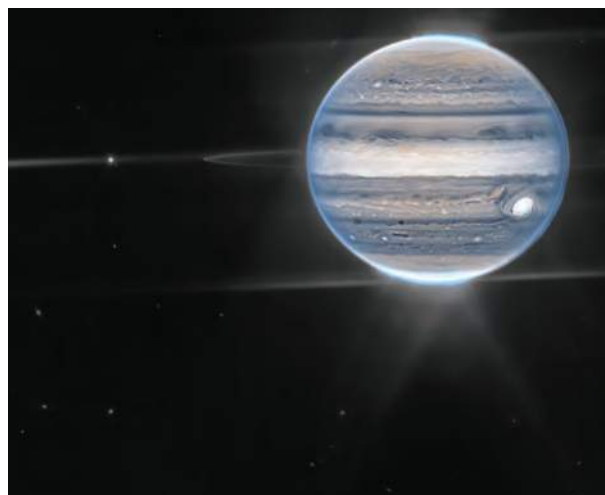
## DOC to gain another 39 officers

By **KIMBERLY B. ESMORES**  
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REPORTER

The Department of Corrections is set to celebrate the graduation of its largest academy yet this October. However, even though an additional 30 plus officers will be added

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## New space telescope shows Jupiter's auroras, tiny moons



By **MARCIA DUNN AP**  
AEROSPACE WRITER

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)**—The world's newest and biggest space telescope is showing Jupiter as never before. See **SPACE** on **Page 4**

This image provided by NASA shows a false color composite image of Jupiter obtained by the James Webb Space Telescope on July 27, 2022. The planet's rings and some of its small satellites are visible along with background galaxies.

NASA VIA AP

## 40th COVID-19-related death in NMI

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. have confirmed the CNMI's 40th COVID-19-related death.

According to the latest CHCC news release late Monday night, it also said that, as of Aug. 22, 2022, there are zero individuals hospitalized as a result of COVID-19. Before that, from Aug. 14 to Aug. 20, 2022, there were three new hospitalizations related to COVID-19. Based on this, it is presumed that two cases have

since been discharged and  
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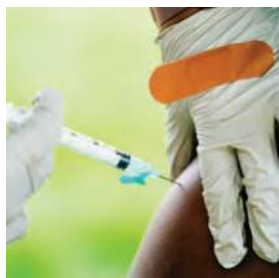
### COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

#### LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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### BUSINESS

Pfizer asked U.S. regulators to authorize its combination COVID-19 vaccine that adds protection against variants.

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### WORLD

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has already killed some 9,000 Ukrainian soldiers since it began six months ago.

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### GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

When creating a color palette, especially if you love neutrals, green can serve as a lively and inviting color.

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Local

## Church cleans up seaside stretch beside Beach Road

Members of the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ in the 4th Watch conducted a cleanup over the weekend as a way to give back to the community, spread awareness of the church's mission, and as a form of celebration.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By **KIMBERLY B. ESMORES**  
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REPORTER

A local Christian church did a beach cleanup over the past weekend, stretching all the way from the beach area across the Atkins Kroll Toyota dealership, to the beach area across the National Office Supply.

A group of over 20 individuals from the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ in the 4th Watch conducted the beach cleanup early last Saturday morning as a way to give back to the community, spread awareness of the church's mission, and as a form of

celebration.

The cleanup resulted in over 10 bags of trash and debris that were picked up from Beach Road and properly disposed of.

According to members of the church, the cleanup was mostly a community outreach project intended to spread awareness of the church's mission. Also, it was a means to give back by doing something good for the community by contributing to the beautification of the island's pristine beaches.

The PMCC 4th watch is also currently celebrating 4th Watcher's month, an occa-

sion that they are celebrating in tandem with over 100 other local PMCC churches across the globe.

Last Saturday's cleanup is only one of the many programs the church has conducted throughout the month of August.

The church has also been venturing out to different villages on the island to conduct their house-to-house evangelism. Members have also been posted outside of stores to hand out fliers for their ongoing Home Free Global Crusade.

The PMCC 4th Watch is located in the heart of San Jose.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the State Rehabilitation Council will hold its FY 2022 Third General Membership Meeting on Monday, August 29, 2022, at the Sunflower Hall – Saipan World Resort from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda of August 29, 2022
- IV. Review and Adoption of Second General Membership Meeting Minutes of August 05, 2022
- V. Reports
  - a. SRC Chairperson
  - b. Sub-Committee Chairs
  - c. OVR Executive Director
- VI. Consumer Forum
- VII. Employer Forum
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Disability Employment Legislative Takeover
  - b. SRC/SILC/OVR Family Fun Day
  - c. Membership Vacancies
  - d. 2022 National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)
- IX. New Business
  - a. Orientation and Training
- X. Miscellaneous
- XI. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters are asked to call Samuel Santos at 322-6537(voice) or email at [samuel@ovrgov.net](mailto:samuel@ovrgov.net) for necessary arrangements no later than Friday, August 26, 2022, at 11:30am.

/s/ Preston O. Basa  
SRC Chairperson

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# Hawaii couple remain jailed amid mystery about stolen IDs

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**HONOLULU (AP)**—Calling allegations that a Hawaii couple stole identities of dead babies for unknown reasons unique, a U.S. judge on Monday upheld a previous ruling to detain the pair without bail.

According to prosecutors, Walter Glenn Primrose and Gwynn Darle Morrison are the real names of the couple who have been fraudulently living for decades under stolen identities, Bobby Fort and Julie Montague. Prosecutors say Primrose spent more than 20 years in the Coast Guard, where he obtained secret-level security clearance.

U.S. District Judge Leslie Kobayashi said the mystery behind why the couple lived under allegedly stolen identities for so long is what makes the case unique: "Because the real question is, why?"

Primrose and Morrison have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, false statement in a passport application and aggravated identity theft. Prosecutors have suggested the case is about more than identity theft.

A search of the couple's home in Kapolei, a Honolulu suburb, turned up Polaroids of them wearing jackets that



This combination of undated photos provided by the United States District Court District of Hawaii shows Walter Glenn Primrose, left, also known as Bobby Edward Fort, and his wife Gwynn Darle Morrison, aka Julie Lyn Montague. AP

appear to be authentic KGB uniforms, an invisible ink kit, documents with coded language and maps showing military bases, prosecutors said.

Defense attorneys for the couple have said they took a photo wearing the same jacket years ago. Further, the jacket wasn't found in the couple's home, but has been turned over to authorities by someone else, Assistant Federal Defender Max Mizono, who represents Primrose, said in arguing that the Russian spy theory doesn't add up.

"Mr. Primrose's lack of ownership and possession of the alleged KGB uniform even more strongly supports the inference that he and his

co-defendant, are not, in fact, Russian spies, and that the photographs of them are more akin to dressing up in a costume, engaging in cosplay, or the like," Mizono wrote in a motion appealing a magistrate judge's detention order.

He explained the invisible ink as a "toy purchased many years ago for entertainment," and the other items to also be innocuous.

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Kobayashi said she only considered the charges, and not "suspicions" but was concerned about the couple's lack of ties to Hawaii.

Prosecutors have also mentioned existence of correspondence found in the home in which an associate believed Primrose had joined the CIA or had become a Bolivian terrorist.

"Stated otherwise, it is simply not feasible that Mr. Primrose is a member of the CIA, a Bolivian terrorist, and a Russian spy, all the while working at both the U.S. Coast Guard and a private employer and living a relatively low-key lifestyle in Kapolei for the last twenty years," Mizono said. "In sum, the government should put its money where its mouth is, submit all this

evidence to the Court, and let the Court ascertain the veracity behind its claims that Mr. Primrose is a Russian spy."

After their arrests last month and while alone in a holding room at FBI headquarters

in Kapolei, the couple made comments about espionage, prosecutors said.

Morrison told Primrose that "we have the protocols," prosecutors wrote in opposing the detention appeal.

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**/S/ CORA P. ADA**  
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

## PROPERTY FOR SALE



**LOT NO. 001 G 31**

### NOTICE OF AUCTION & SALE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the undersigned counsel, Attorney Robert T. Torres (the auctioneer or his designee), for and on behalf of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund, will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on September 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Kondot Lane, Kagman I, Saipan Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described further as follows:

Lot No. 001 G 31, contains an area of 820 square meters as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02, the original of which was recorded on March 18, 1986, as Document No. 86-0513 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, CNMI.

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1. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties conducting the auction sale:

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- to reject any and all bids.

2. **Minimum Bid.** Minimum bid for the sale of Lot No. 001 G 31 is **Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and 00/100 (US \$72,455.00)**. All bids shall be in writing and constitute a formal offer from each bidder. Bids may be submitted in advance for said property. Bids may be submitted in advance in writing for the foregoing property. The minimum bid shall be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be submitted in person (at the auction), via email, or in writing by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: robert.torres@rttlawgroup.com by **8:00 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time on the auction date**. Any person who submits his/her bid shall provide a copy of his/her valid Identification Card (valid CNMI Driver's License or Passport). A written bid shall include the bidder's signature, with his/her telephone number, mailing address, and any other contact information. The winning bidder shall be the person to whom the property is confirmed if the bid is accepted. The CNMI Retirement Fund assumes no liability for any errors or omissions as to a bidder's name or identification if that information is not correctly indicated on the bid form. **Please contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for a bid form.**

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A non-refundable guarantee deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) day of the auction sale by the winning bidder, no later than 4:00 pm on that date, by payment to the Law Office of Robert T. Torres. The remaining balance shall be due within ten (10) calendar days from the auction sale. If the tenth calendar day falls on a weekend then the balance shall be due that Monday after the tenth calendar day. **All payments shall be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check.** Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the bidder's rights, title, and interest in the money shall revert to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund.

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**DATED** this 14th day of August 2022.

/s/  
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer for  
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund



**NMPASI**

NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**POSITION:** PROJECTS SPECIALIST  
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Interested applicants may pick up a complete job description and application forms at the NMPASI office located on middle road approximately 100 yards north of the Gualo Rai traffic light intersection or may be sent via email by contacting [etilipao@nmpasi.org](mailto:etilipao@nmpasi.org). Completed application packets must be submitted to the NMPASI Executive Director. In order for applications to be considered they must include (1) a **Cover Letter**, (2) a **Resumé**, (3) **Completed Application forms**. Incomplete applications and/or applications which do not demonstrate that the applicant meets minimum qualifications as listed above or do not meet the deadline for submittal will not be considered. For further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Gregory Borja at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / (670) 287-0652 [message] or email at [gborja@nmpasi.org](mailto:gborja@nmpasi.org). NMPASI is an EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

**Deadline to submit applications will be on August 26, 2022 at 4pm**



# NMPASI closed this Friday

This is to inform the public that the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. will be closed this Friday, Aug. 26, 2022 from 8am to 5pm for a

staff Professional Development. However, NMPASI will remain open only to accept applications for the projects specialist and intake specialists job opportu-

nities that close by Friday at 4pm. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, Aug. 29, 2022. Thank you for your understanding. (PR)

## SALARY

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Guerrero to a bill proposed by Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) that describes the compensation of the CCC as exceeding that of many other government instrumentalities, despite the current suspension of the casino license of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC.

In a letter dated Aug. 11, 2022, to Babauta and House of Representatives Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), DeLeon Guerrero and CCC acting executive director Ian R. Morrell said the bill would not only reduce the compensation of CCC members, but it also effectively brings the pay of CCC employees to an already outdated, noncompetitive, and insufficient scale. DeLeon Guerrero and Morrell sent the letter in response to the two lawmakers' request to comment on House Bill 22-111.

DeLeon Guerrero and Morrell said the commission does not support this bill as it will cause significant challenges to their efforts to efficiently and effectively regulate the casino gaming industry and enforce its statutory mandates.

Babauta stated in the legislation that the compensation of the CCC exceeds that of many other government boards. Yet, she said, with

the license of IPI suspended, the funding mechanism for this "generous compensation is now effectively defunct." Babauta said it is necessary to bring the compensation of commission members in line with other public boards and commissions.

But DeLeon Guerrero and Morrell said the bill's proposed amendments fail to address the intent of the legislation.

"As elected representatives of the people of the CNMI, it would seem a more beneficial and better use of the Legislature's time and energy to figure out ways to progress and to raise the CNMI's standards rather than imposing limitations on hardworking government employees," DeLeon Guerrero and Morrell said.

They noted that CCC members and their immediate families are prohibited from employment or receiving anything of value from the casino gaming industry.

DeLeon Guerrero and Morrell said the CCC has also been receiving only \$1 from the government's general fund's annual appropriations and that it's only recently when the government did offer to increase its annual local appropriations to CCC to \$1,000.

"Thus, we fail to see the need for this bill," they pointed out.

The two CCC officials said the proposed legislation limits

the commission's ability to recruit competent regulatory professionals in a highly competitive gaming industry.

They said government employment benefits, including life insurance, health insurance, annual leave, sick leave, and other fringe benefits, are not available to commission members. In short, they said, commissioners are not entitled to government employee fringe benefits.

DeLeon Guerrero and Morrell said several current CCC members are not government retirees and, by making some provisions of the Commonwealth Code applicable

## DOC

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to DOC, it is reportedly still not enough.

In an interview with DOC Commissioner Wally Villagomez, he shared that 39 students are on the path to graduate from the 9th Cycle Corrections Academy this October. The 39 cadets, nine of whom are women, went through a selection process.

"It is looking like DOC will be taking in all these 39 cadets. We are going to take all of them into DOC. We're hoping that everything pushes through successfully and the graduation pulls through on Oct. 1, or around the first week of October," he said.

The cadets are now finishing up their intensive physical and educational training. Through a partnership with Northern Marianas College, this year's cadets will graduate with 40 college credits from NMC and will also have the opportunity to earn an associate degree if they choose to do so.

The last time the depart-

## SPACE

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fore, auroras and all.

Scientists released the shots Monday of the solar system's biggest planet.

to CCC, the Commonwealth may be forced to incur additional costs to cover the employee benefits.

The two CCC officials noted that, while IPI is, in fact, not currently operating due to the license suspension ordered by the CCC, the commission's work does not stop.

"As long as the licensed operator is in possession of the casino license, the licensee will fall under the purview of the commission," they said.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

The James Webb Space Telescope took the photos in July, capturing unprecedented views of Jupiter's northern and southern lights, and swirling polar haze. Jupiter's Great Red Spot, a storm big enough to swallow Earth, stands out brightly alongside countless smaller storms.

One wide-field picture is particularly dramatic, showing the faint rings around the planet, as well as two tiny moons against a glittering background of galaxies.

"We've never seen Jupiter like this. It's all quite incredible," said planetary astronomer Imke de Pater, of the University of California, Berkeley, who helped lead the observations.

"We hadn't really expected

it to be this good, to be honest," she added in a statement.

The infrared images were artificially colored in blue, white, green, yellow and orange, according to the U.S.-French research team, to make the features stand out.

NASA and the European Space Agency's \$10 billion successor to the Hubble Space Telescope rocketed away at the end of last year and has been observing the cosmos in the infrared since summer. Scientists hope to behold the dawn of the universe with Webb, peering all the way back to when the first stars and galaxies were forming 13.7 billion years ago.

The observatory is positioned 1 million miles (1.6 million kilometers) from Earth.

## COVID-19

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the 40th fatality came from this number.

Also, from Aug. 14 to 20, 2022, 99 additional individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19, bringing the CNMI total to 13,050 cases since March 28, 2020; three of the new cases were identified before Aug. 14, 2022.

Of the 99 recent cases, 16 were identified on Aug. 14, 2022; 21 on Aug. 15, 2022 (one on Tinian); and 21 on Aug. 16, 2022; two on Aug. 17, 2022; 20 on Aug. 18, 2022; 16 on Aug. 19, 2022 (one on Tinian); and three on Aug. 20, 2022.

The CNMI is in COVID-19 Community Level Medium.

As of Aug. 19, 2022, a total of 24,622 COVID-19 additional/booster vaccine shots have been administered; of the eligible population, 53.5% have received an additional dose. The vaccination rate is calculated using the 2020 Census population estimates for the CNMI and includes the eligible 5-years-old and older population.

A total of 2,390 COVID-19 tests were conducted Aug. 14 – 20, 2022, 2022:

- 224 on Aug. 14, 2022
- 629 on Aug. 15, 2022

- 381 on Aug. 16, 2022
- 79 on Aug. 17, 2022
- 463 on Aug. 18, 2022
- 528 on Aug. 19, 2022
- 86 on Aug. 20, 2022

Of the total cases identified in the CNMI, there have already been 12,948 recoveries; 62 active cases; and 40 COVID-19-related deaths.

The next report will be around Aug. 29, 2022.

### What to do

Guidelines for residents of the CNMI to consider while we are in COVID-19 Community Level Medium have been updated:

■ Stay up to date on vaccination, including recommended booster doses.

■ Maintain ventilation improvements.

■ Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

■ Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

■ Follow the recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

■ If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.

■ If you are at high risk of getting very sick, wear a well-fitting mask or respirator when indoors in public.

■ If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider testing to detect infection before contact and consider wearing a mask when indoors with them.

■ If you test positive for COVID-19, you should stay home for at least five days and isolate from others in your home as much as possible; wear a high-quality mask if you must be around others at home and in public; should not go places where you are unable to wear a mask;

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**TO ALL MEDIA SERVICES  
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**MESSAGE:** The Honorable Ralph Dlg. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Lt. Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that a **Preliminary Hearing** is scheduled for **August 26, 2022 (Friday), beginning at 9:00 a.m.,** at the CNMI Board of Parole Office Building 1216, located at Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. The following individual (s) will appear before the Hearing Examiner.

**I. Parolee**

**1. Daniel Quitugua**      **Cr. Cs. No.: 19-0121**      **B.O.P. No.: 21-021**

If you have any question or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300 or 664-3302.

/s/ Michael H. San Nicolas  
BOP Chairman

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# 'Granting of preliminary injunction reaffirms trust in the rule of law'

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios has praised the decision of U.S. District Court for the CNMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Mangloña to grant the preliminary injunction sought by CNMI Customs and Biosecurity Director Jose C. Mafnas against Secretary of Finance David Dlg. Atalig, the governor's chief of staff, William M. Castro, and the CNMI government.

In a statement yesterday, Palacios said the judge's decision shows that "no one is above the law."

Mangloña granted the injunction last Aug. 15, 2022. That effectively restored Mafnas to his position at Customs and restrained Atalig from putting into effect his July 21, 2022, memorandum reassigning Mafnas to the Department of Commerce. The court further ordered Atalig, Castro, and the CNMI government not to interfere with or take any adverse actions against Mafnas' employment as director of Customs and Biosecurity under the Department of Finance.

"Director Mafnas, just like any CNMI civil servant, had the right to do his job, free from coercion and political influence, pursuant to our constitution and laws. It is unfortunate that there are high ranking officials within this Administration that fail to recognize those rights," said Palacios, who is running for governor in this November election.

"I applaud Director Mafnas for having the courage to file his lawsuit in U.S. District Court. Moreover, I thank

Judge Ramona Mangloña for granting the preliminary injunction," said Palacios. "The granting of the preliminary injunction shows that no one is above the law, that the government belongs to the people, and it should encourage those that have been or are being coerced for their political views to seek the protection of the law and get their rights vindicated accordingly."

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Both Palacios and Apatang served as career civil servants before running for public office. Palacios was secretary for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and, prior to that, was the director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Apatang was the director of the Department of Finance Division of Procurement and Supply. **(PR/Saipan Tribune)**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Wednesday, August 24, 2022



PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CEDA) THRU ITS ACTING CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CEDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022 WAS CANCELLED DUE TO A LACK OF QUORUM. THE MEETING IS RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022, AT 3:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CEDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CEDA BUILDING, OLEAI SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of Minutes
    1. July 26, 2022
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. REPORTS
  - A. Executive Director's Report
    1. Loan Matter – Frances S. Arriola
  - B. Comptroller's Report
    1. Financial Report
  - C. Qualifying Certificate Program/Economic Development Activities -
    1. Deliberation & Board Action on CEDA's Small Business Aide Program Proposal
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. OTHER MATTERS
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ FRANK LEE SN. BORJA  
Vice-Chairman


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS<sup>1</sup>
- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. Ratification of Employment Contract (Executive Director)
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION<sup>2</sup>
- V. ADJOURNMENT

<sup>1</sup>Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.  
<sup>2</sup>Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



## PACIFICA DONATES

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. donates an indoor air rower ergometer exercise equipment to the Tinian Mayor's Office to help promote a healthy living. Overall value of the donation is right under \$1,000. In the photo are Pacifica Insurance representatives Francine Palacios and Annaly Sebastian joined by Tinian Municipal Council member Joe Santos, staff of the Tinian Mayor's Office and members of the youth community. Pacifica believes that health truly is wealth and that our journey toward a healthier lifestyle is well underway and within reach.

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NMHC hereby publicly discloses that on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, Vicente D. Palacios, an immediate family member of Ray Demapan Palacios, an employee of NMHC, applied for assistance under the Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Housing Program.


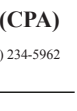
Said applicant has been determined to be a member of a group or class of low-income persons intended to be beneficiaries of the assisted activity and is applying to receive generally the same benefits being made available to the group or class. Mr. Palacios is not and shall not be involved in the handling of this loan application.

NMHC discloses this possible conflict pursuant to 24 CFR 92.356 in order to allow any interested persons to comment before the application is considered for an exception under the applicable conflict regulations.

**Any comments should be submitted to NMHC on or before Thursday, September 2, 2022.**

Dated this 19th day of August, 2022.

  
 /s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
 Corporate Director


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## AIRTRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-004-22

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is now accepting sealed bids, subject to the terms and conditions of this Invitation for Bid (the "IFB") and other contract provisions, for bids from individuals, firms, company or corporations to provide Janitorial Services at the Air Traffic Control Tower, Saipan International Airport. The successful bidder will be awarded a two (2) year contract with option to renew for an additional 2 years at the sole discretion of the CPA.

This IFB is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-205, Invitation for Bids, is applicable to the process followed by the IFB.

Bid Package will be available for pick up beginning August 24, 2022, upon payment of fifty (\$50.00) dollars in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

Bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport until 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, Friday, September 23, 2022.

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August 24, 2022  
DATE

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director


**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**


## INVITATION TO BID

**RFP NO.: DPW22-RFP No.: 42200141**

**SUBMISSION DATE: September 13, 2022 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

## "Department of Public Works Planning Road Condition and Flood Hazard Mapping Project"

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The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **August 10, 2022** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center.

There will be a **Pre-Proposal Conference** for this project on **August 26, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 02, 2022** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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**/s/ JAMES A. ADA**  
SECRETARY, DPW

**/s/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON**  
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### EDITORIAL

## Election-deniers are poised to win key posts in swing states. They must not

With primary elections swirling all over the country, it's easy to lose track of what's happening where. But a recent Washington Post analysis clarifies a troubling pattern: In most of the half-dozen battleground states that will matter most in the 2024 presidential election, the GOP has nominated Trumpian election-deniers to posts that have power over election results. This, more than mayhem in the streets, is how American democracy could fall.

There isn't and never was any validity to former President Donald Trump's continuing claim that he won reelection in 2020 but was robbed of that victory by voter fraud. He lost what may well have been the cleanest, most closely monitored and diligently reviewed election in U.S. history, and he lost by a significant margin. But, like the aspiring autocrat he is, Trump attempted to remain in power anyway—an unprecedented violation of oath for an American president.

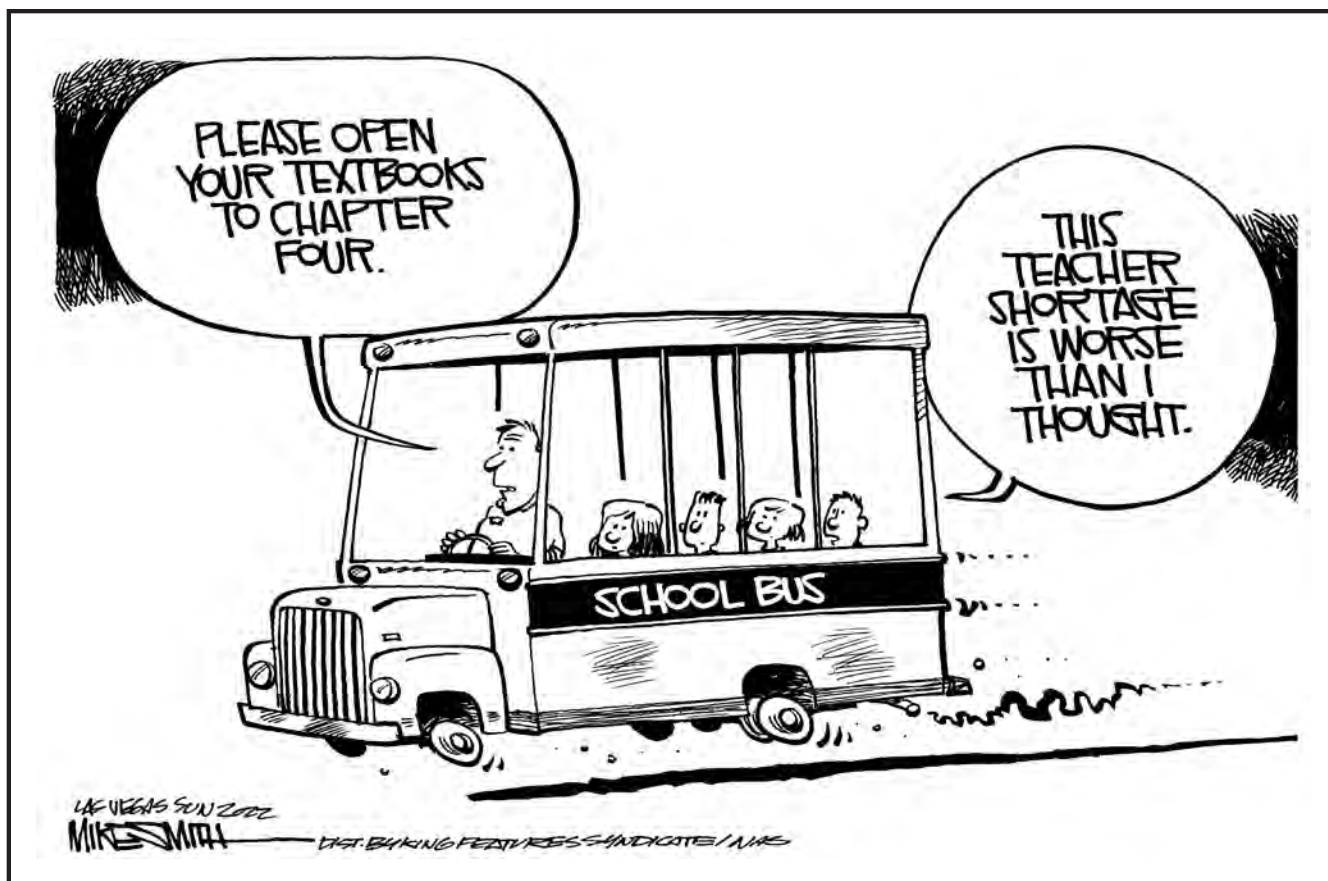
What prevented Trump's post-election coup attempt was largely the responsible resistance of state-level Republican election officials to Trump's demands that they show loyalty to him instead of to democracy. There's no better encapsulation of Trump's corrupt quest than his demand to Georgia's Republican secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger, that he "find 11,780 votes" to put Trump over the top there. And there's no better example of patriotism than Raffensperger's steadfast refusal.

Thankfully, Georgia Republican voters this year apparently recognized that courage and nominated Raffensperger to another term. Ditto with Georgia's Republican governor, Brian Kemp, who, whatever his other deficits, responsibly rejected Trump's election lies. Kemp and Raffensperger are the two state officials with the most control over Georgia elections, meaning that swing state may again be safe from a Trumpian undermining of democracy in two years.

But in other swing states — including Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — Trump-backed election deniers have been nominated this year into key positions with influence over election outcomes.

Among them are Pennsylvania gubernatorial nominee Doug Mastriano, a state lawmaker who in 2020 tried to block President Joe Biden's victory there and who mused in a recent interview that, as governor, he could "decertify every (voting) machine in the state with the stroke of a pen." Michigan's GOP nominee for secretary of state, Kristina Karamo, tried to block Biden's win there by testifying that she personally saw rampant vote fraud, while offering no evidence. In Arizona, Republican nominees Kari Lake, for governor, and Mark Finchem, for secretary of state, have

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## Putin's lies, murder and destruction in Ukraine bring shame to Russia

Nearly six months into his murderous invasion of Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin has brought shame on his once great nation and cemented his own legacy as a war criminal. The lasting ignominy Putin's war and his lies have brought to Russia are just as self-destructive as they are contemptible and unjustifiable.

The Pentagon estimates Russia has lost up to 80,000 soldiers, killed or wounded, in the conflict. Russia's invasion has destabilized control of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in southern Ukraine, raising fears of a nuclear accident putting Europe at risk. And other Russians are voting with their feet.

By some estimates, hundreds of thousands have left the country in protest, fearing reprisals for their antiwar views, or to avoid possible forced mobilization or closing borders, since Putin launched his war of choice on Feb. 24 against Ukraine. It's a brain drain of professionals that may cause lasting damage.

No one can know Putin's intention nor predict his endgame with any certainty. But experts believe he is digging in to continue this war for the long haul. By most accounts, Putin is losing the war—failing to meet his changing military objectives, solidifying the democratically elected government of Ukraine, unifying NATO and expanding its membership, and turning Russia into a pariah state—so why would he opt for an indefinite war?

First of all, he has painted himself into a corner, and even President Joe Biden has observed that the Russian leader "doesn't have a way out right now, and I'm trying to figure out what we do about that." He's losing, yet he seems intent on escalating the war.

Experts assess he may now try to drag out the war to wear down Ukrainian resolve, degrade Kyiv's military and prolong the conflict into the fall—when the passing months might weaken NATO unity in Europe and bipartisan support for Ukraine in the United States. Seeking to destabilize America's midterm elections and undermine Democrats and Biden would be right out of the Putin playbook.

"Destabilizing and weakening America is the interest of Russia," Olga Kamenchuk, an associate research professor and a Ukrainian expert with Northwestern University, told me. She noted Russia could seek to undermine U.S. elections again, as before, through cyberattacks. "It can hurt Biden" if the war drags on, Kamenchuk said.

To be sure, Democrats and most Republicans in Congress have been incredibly unified in favor of aiding Ukraine, approving some \$40 billion in assistance to Ukraine. The hope is to support Ukraine and speed shipments of weapons and humanitarian assistance while the U.S. avoids involving American and NATO troops in a shooting war with Russia.

Russia's military campaign has been disastrous. Putin failed to take Kyiv as expected in the early days of the war. He changed

By STORER H. ROWLEY

Chicago Tribune

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strategies and pressed a concentrated assault in the eastern Donbas region, but that has made slow gains there and on a southern front. Thwarted militarily by Ukraine's strong resistance, the Kremlin has opted for what looks a lot like genocide: war crimes that include bombing civilians, committing mass murder, rape, torture and execution-style killings—even transferring Ukrainians into Russia against their will.

More broadly, Putin has demanded NATO move back from Russia's borders and still dreams of a Russkiy Mir, or Russian World, with the Kremlin wielding a sphere of influence over former Soviet republics such as Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan. That ideology was used as a justification when Russia annexed Crimea in 2014, but this time, Ukraine fought back.

"Putin knows Russia is not strong enough to annex those countries, but he could have hegemony over them and say he has a Eurasian union," Ian Kelly, ambassador in residence at Northwestern University, told me.

Like many observers, Kelly strongly supports the West arming Ukraine to defeat Russia on the battlefield, but he's also concerned about a scenario in which Putin is cornered, up against the wall and turns to tactical nuclear weapons or chemical weapons as a last resort. "I hope we have diplomatic channels into the Kremlin. That's the kind of escalation that is in no one's interest," he said.

Putin has failed to push NATO back from Russian borders to the alliance's 1991 borders. NATO appears more unified than ever, and as some have said, Putin has made NATO great again. Finland and Sweden are moving deliberately now to join NATO. If that happens, given Finland's 800-mile border with Russia, the length of Russia's land border with NATO countries would more than double.

If Putin still thinks he can force Ukraine away from leaning to the West, that seems increasingly a nonstarter, too. For Ukraine's part, having suffered the loss of thousands of lives and seen the destruction of its cities, the time for compromise is quickly passing. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has warned, "There is no occupier who can take root in our free land. There is no invader who can rule over our free people. Sooner or later, we win."



# The end of ‘the last serious thing’

Good news is scarce these days, so when we find an example, it's worth celebrating:

In a remarkable development, a Mexican judge in June extended indefinitely a ban on bullfighting in Plaza Mexico, which, with over 41,000 seats, is the largest bullfighting venue in the world.

The pressure to abolish bullfighting has been building for years.

## Senescent Senior Sociological Sonnets

### LITERARY NOOK

By **JOEY ‘PEPE BATBON’ CONNOLLY**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey aka Pepe Batbon is a retired educator who taught in the CNMI, NOLA, and LVNV. He is a sonnet practitioner who enjoys stargazing.



Do you remember the bestselling book and subsequent film, *The Spy Who Came In From the Cold*? Well, I'm a guy who "Came Out" about old. Back in the day when a person became public about their sexual preferences they were said to have, "come out." People had "Coming Out" parties. My senescent series of poems are my written "coming out" poetic party about being old. Enjoy!

### A Guy Who 'Came Out' About Old

Got different kinds of arthritis in my knees  
shoulders, elbows, and all my finger joints  
old age, creeping up very slowly seems to be  
always making its permanent painful points.

Got new hair growing out of my ears and nose  
and wonder of wonders hair growing on my toes  
have you ever heard or read about St. Vitus Dance  
well, I'm an old codger with "ants in my pants."

My body is crawling with tiny biting ants  
I have to be alert and stay on the watch  
I can feel them crawling over my body hair  
and inevitably bite under arms and crotch.

Ai adai, that's one way growing older can go  
I'm sure other man'amko /seniors well know.

### Later on a Beach on Tinian

*"Further on down the road you will accompany me, if there's a fool in this life, then a happy fool is what I wanna be..."*

— **Taj Mahal, African American blues singer who is still performing.**

Nothing is better left unsaid—so later on  
when walking underneath a Micronesian sky  
when angry thoughts and feelings you abandon  
your heart is pumping and oxygen intake high  
strolling down a coral road to the nearest beach  
as today the sky clears and waves are surging  
thoughts of friends and family come into reach  
angry moments said softspoken but purging  
now basking in the shelter of an Australian pine  
as our peaceful island is scanned by the sun  
and we turn to each other surprised by the time  
by the look of smiling eyes we're having fun  
and please tell to me more by the end of the day  
and again more my love tomorrow I heartily pray.

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both said they wouldn't have certified Biden's victory there.

Had this gang of electoral saboteurs been in office in 2020, America might well have been plunged into a constitutional crisis. This election season, there is no more urgent imperative — none — than ensuring that they and other politicians who side with Trump's lies and against democracy are kept away from the levers of power.

The earliest recorded bullfights in Catalonia took place in the 14th century, but the beautiful plaza in Barcelona has been idle for a decade. At least five Mexican states have already banned bullfighting, and others are sure to follow now that, after 500 years, the death knell for bullfighting has been sounded in Mexico City.

This is a good thing. The bullfight is a gory spectacle that is philosophically indefensible, though many have tried. The best effort in English was produced in 1932 by America's premier aficionado Ernest Hemingway. In "Death in the Afternoon," he imagines bullfighting as a ritualized drama depicting the archetypal conflict between man and nature, ennobled by courage, grace and beauty.

But literary critic Max Eastman called Hemingway's perspective "Bull in the Afternoon." At best Hemingway's vision of the bullfight is overly romanticized, incomplete and, for this day and age, outmoded. In my own experience, the bullfight is 10% art, 5% comedy and 85% butchery. And the first two do not justify the third.

Nor do they justify one admirable element of bullfighting: While the bullfight may be a dubious depiction of the conflict between man and beast, it nevertheless tells us something worthwhile about the relationship between man and meat.

After the bull is executed in the plaza, he is always butchered and consumed. The Spanish and Mexican willingness to publicly acknowledge and demonstrate the bloody connection between killing and eating expresses with brutal honesty a fact that we generally ignore.

Our meat comes wrapped in cellophane and nestled in Styrofoam, in sizes and shapes—patties, round steaks—that bear little resemblance to the animals from which it came.

Our modern way of eating makes it easy to forget that if you're a meat-eater—and you probably are; I am too—a significant portion of your diet comes at the expense of considerable misery, pain and bloodletting.

Bullfighting isn't dead yet, but the trend is clear. We commend Mexico and Spain for joining us in a more enlightened 21st century. But any temptation to feel sanctimony or superiority about their belated abolition of bullfighting rings hollow in the face of our reluctance to acknowledge the wretched conditions under which

## Asian American history must be taught in schools

Between March 2020 and March 2022, there were 11,400 self-reported hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders across the country. Almost half of Asian Americans who reported hate incidents also reported depression and anxiety, with 72% stating that discrimination is their biggest source of stress.

Added to that stress is the public's lack of awareness of Asian American cultures and history. A national survey of American adults of all racial and ethnic backgrounds found that 42% couldn't name a historical event involving Asian Americans, and 58% couldn't name a single prominent Asian American person.

I'm proud to be the granddaughter of a "Nisei" (second-generation Japanese American) veteran of World War II. Stories like my grandfather's, along with around 33,000 other Japanese American soldiers, aren't widely known.

My grandfather, Kazuo Yamane, was a member of the 100th Infantry Battalion, a racially segregated unit of around 1,400 Nisei soldiers. He also became one of 60 members of his battalion to be recruited to the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage, Minnesota, an elite group recognized for their Japanese language skills who were trained in intelligence and linguistics.

In 1997, Yamane received the Legion of Merit Medal for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of duties which profoundly influenced the successful outcome of the war against Japan." A year after his death, in 2011, the Nisei soldiers of World War II received the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of their service.

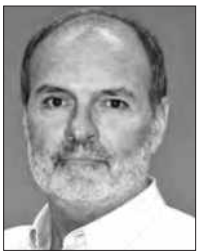
The lessons from Asian American history, including the incarceration of Japanese Americans in the same period, offer a parallel to racial injustices today.

Take the current U.S. detention of child migrants and family separation, and the proliferation of immigrant detention centers, often in the same conditions and sites in which Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II. Japanese Americans were also among the first groups to receive redress and reparations from the U.S. government.

A recent PBS documentary, "Manzanar, Diverted: When Water Becomes Dust," tells a story of interconnected historical dispossession: the dispossession of Indigenous lands; the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans; and the over-extraction of natural resources like water by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

As a teacher in California, I wrote lesson plans for the film that are available on PBS Learning Media, as well as an accompanying

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meat-producing animals are raised and slaughtered in the United States. Or how we otherwise treat animals.

Of course, we kill in order to eat. But our blindness to the misery and bloodletting makes it easy to also ignore the brutalities of horse and dog racing, the cruelty of marine mammal confinement, the miseries of animal experimentation and the exploitations of the American pet industry.

Would we be better human beings if we had to kill and butcher our own beef, chicken and pork? Or to watch someone else do it? I doubt it. But that should not prevent us from being more honest—and compassionate—about how we treat animals.

The renowned Spanish poet Federico Garcia Lorca called bullfighting "the last serious thing." He overstates. The world is filled with serious things, and the bullfight is only one of them.

Still, the bullfight is deadly serious. The bullfighters ply their craft at considerable risk. Sometimes, according to true aficionados, they manage to tweeze beauty out of a gory spectacle of public bloodletting.

But it's also an anachronism whose values were always largely dubious. The abolition of bullfighting is another milestone of human progress, along with the abolition in much of the world of "sports" such as bear baiting, fox hunting, dogfighting and cockfighting.

Still, at the least the bullfight is unflinchingly honest. This is something to consider over our next hamburger. Or the next time we see an intelligent beast such as a dolphin confined in what, to him, are the dimensions of a bathtub.

By **KIMI WAITE**  
Progressive Perspectives



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discussion guide available through American Documentary. They provide a critical framework for understanding and analyzing incarceration at Manzanar in a way that's accessible to young people.

As preparations for the school year are approaching, New York is piloting an Asian American studies curriculum this fall—and Illinois, New Jersey and Connecticut have each passed legislation to start similar programs.

However, the ongoing Republican-backed book bans and attacks on critical race theory show that the fight for inclusive education is still ongoing. Vincent Chin's murder 40 years ago mobilized Asian Americans to fight for civil rights. It is still painfully relevant for today's Asian Americans who are pushing back against racism, violence and anti-Asian hate.

Resistance and civil disobedience throughout history, for civil rights and for the planet, resonate with today's students. According to a study from the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, millennials and younger adults are more likely to support organizations that engage in nonviolent civil disobedience than older generations. They are also more likely to personally engage in nonviolent civil disobedience to protect the climate when compared to previous generations.

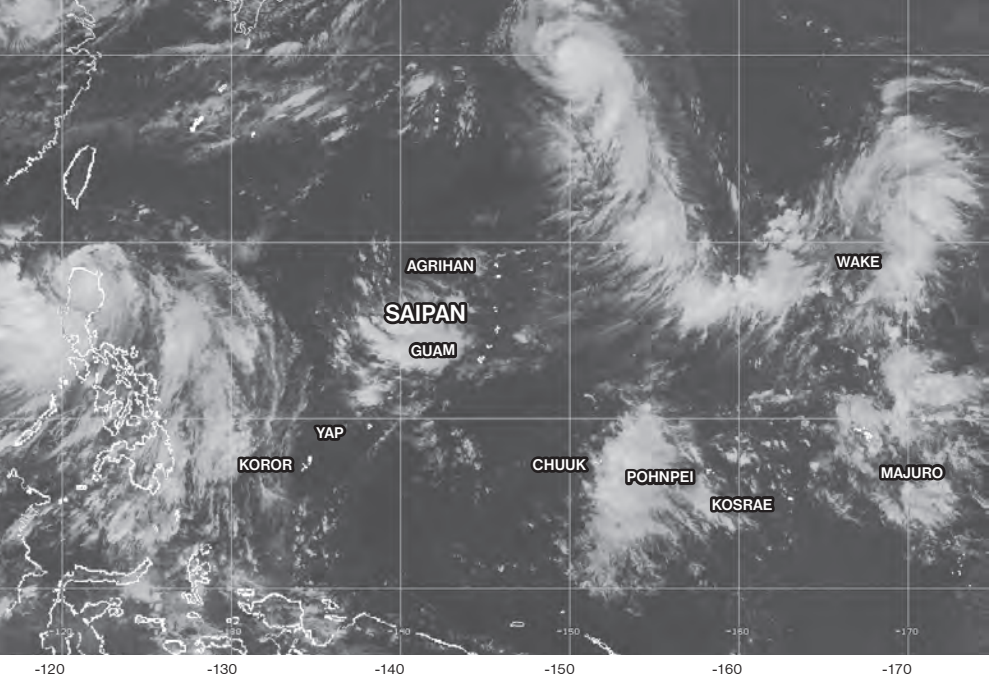
Stories from Asian American history have crucial implications for today's young activists: the legislative resistance from Fred Korematsu, Minoru Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi; and the activism of Yuri Kochiyama, Grace Lee Boggs and Larry Itliong, to cite just a few.

The historical tradition of Asian American activism in the face of systemic injustices must be taught in schools. Our K-12 education is incomplete without it.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny		Isolated showers. Mostly sunny		Mostly sunny		Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny		Scattered showers. Partly sunny	
87°	77°	88°	77°	87°	77°	88°	78°	88°	78°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



**PICTURE TIME: 11:47 AM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite and radar show clouds and showers thinning out after another burst of convection this morning over Guam and surrounding waters. The forecast has been updated for all the Marianas to reduce cloud and shower coverage. There is a slight chance showers may rebuild this afternoon or evening, but overall, the shower coverage should be isolated.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA ▲ ▼ °F		
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	84° / 76°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:03 AM	6:35 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	3:08 AM	4:35 PM	-
Thursday	4:00 AM	5:20 PM	-
Friday	4:53 AM	6:02 PM	-
Saturday	5:44 AM	6:42 PM	-
Sunday	6:34 AM	7:19 PM	-

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AROUND THE GLOBE ▲ ▼ °F		
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	60° / 53°
Beijing	Cloudy	81° / 64°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	92° / 81°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 74°
London	Partly Cloudy	82° / 63°
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 66°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°
Melbourne	Light Rain	55° / 50°
Miami	Showers	88° / 81°
New York	Showers	84° / 70°
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	93° / 78°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	92° / 68°
Busan	Rain	79° / 74°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	89° / 67°
Salem	Showers	80° / 70°
San Francisco	Cloudy	71° / 56°
Seoul	Cloudy	85° / 71°
Tokyo	Showers	87° / 73°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	87° / 67°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
12:07 AM	Low Tide	1.32
4:38 AM	High Tide	1.69
12:07 PM	Low Tide	0.09
7:25 PM	High Tide	1.81

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily	PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	Daily	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS					
INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022					
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			TINIAN TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)	7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.		10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)	4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)
SAIPAN TO ROTA			ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.		9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.		2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	
SAIPAN TO GUAM			GUAM TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.		12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.		6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM			
LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily



# ESGR recognizes, honors 24 employers

**BARRIGADA, Guam**—The Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee, a Department of Defense program, paid a special tribute to 24 employers of National Guard and Reserve members during its 14th Annual Employer Awards Ceremony on Aug. 18, 2022, at Hyatt Regency Guam.

Twenty-four employers throughout the Guam and CNMI region were nominated for the 2022 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award were recognized and honored for their dedication and patriotic support they provide to their employees serving in the Guard or Reserve.

“As Guard and Reserve members are called upon, so too are their patriotic employers. Our community employers have endured the absence

of our service members from numerous deployments by reserve components who have been called to assist their active-duty counterparts to protect the freedom we have today. More deployments continued when our Guard and Reserve members were also called for direct support to combat COVID-19, placing a huge demand on employers. ESGR honors and recognizes these employers for their great support to our Guard and Reserve members and their families, in peace, in crises, and in war,” said the ESGR in a news release yesterday.

## PRO PATRIA AWARDS

The highest state-level award was given to only three exemplary employers that have demonstrated exceptional

support to national defense by adopting policies that make it easier for their employees to participate in the Guard and Reserve. The awardees are:

- Bank of Guam
- GTA Tele Guam
- Judiciary of Guam

## ABOVE & BEYOND AWARDS

Six employers who have gone above and beyond the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act in their patronage of their service member employees and their families were honored. They are the

- 1224th Engineer Support Company, Guam Army National Guard
- Guam Department of Education

■ Jose L.G. Rios Middle School

■ Office of the Governor of Guam

■ U.S. Attorney’s Office, Districts of Guam & Northern Mariana Islands

■ U.S. Customs and Border Protection CNMI.

## MOST SUPPORTIVE EMPLOYER AWARDS

Fifteen employers were given most supportive employer awards for contributing to the National Defense by their outstanding support and patronage to their employees who have answered the call for military duty. They are:

- 36th Civil Engineering Squadron
- Atkins Kroll Guam
- Detachment 2, 21st Space

Operations Squadron

■ DFS Guam

■ Andersen Elementary School

■ DynCorp./Amentum International

■ Guam DPHSS Bureau of Nutrition Services

■ Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

■ Guam Office of the Attorney General

■ MWR Child and Youth Program

■ Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command

■ Personal Finance Center

■ Southern High School

■ Tango Theatres

■ United Airline (PR)



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### EXAMINATION NO.

OPA-22-003  
OPA-22-004

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
RFP22-CHCC/LABORATORY-024**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 5TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

**“LABORATORY EXPANSION PROJECT  
(Coordinate, Design, Oversight Monitoring and Construction)  
for CHC Hospital / Laboratory Department**

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN DOWNLOAD THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM THE CHCC WEBSITE [WWW.CHCC.HEALTH]. ONCE AT THE SITE, NAVIGATE TO **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** TAB ON THE LEFT NAVIGATION BAR. CLICK ON THE URL FOR THIS RFP. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER DATA TO ALLOW US TO TRACK ALL REQUESTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB22-CHCC/CGC-HTP-023**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 29th, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

**“PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLE – HTP’S TINIAN OFFICE”**

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**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB22-CHCC/WIC-025**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 5TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

**“PROCUREMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR WIC’S  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM UPGRADE”**

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**COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES  
CUC-RAESP-22-030**

**Underground Power Distribution Systems  
to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation – Phase I**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed Architectural & Engineering (A/E) Services Proposal from qualified firms to design an underground power distribution system from the CUC Power Plant 1 Facility to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC). When fully functioning, the infrastructure is designed to distribute uninterrupted power to the CHCC during tropical storms or typhoon events and following natural disasters such that the CNMI's only public owned healthcare facility is able to provide healthcare services to the CNMI's people. The RAESP project is the first step of a phase approach process in determining the cost benefits of constructing a dedicated underground power distribution system. The design of the infrastructure will convey the feasibility of this FEMA investment in delivering uninterrupted power to the CHCC during tropical storms or typhoon events and following natural disasters.

*This project is funded by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).*

The RAESP package may be obtained via email between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$300.00 for one RFP package set. **To register for the RAESP, please contact Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician Senior via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).**

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal; and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal** must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked “CUC-RAESP-22-030, Underground Power Distribution Systems to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2022**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposals shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RAESP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This RAESP does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 12, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Anne Crocket, CUC Power Division Chief Engineer via email address [anne.crocket@cucgov.org](mailto:anne.crocket@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**  
Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
Purchasing Administrator

**COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
CUC-IFB-22-032**

**SAN ANTONIO WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of San Antonio Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; relocation of water meters from private property to right-of-way, installation of gate valve assembly, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly, flush hydrants; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

*This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.*

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-22-032, San Antonio Water Line Replacement Project”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email at [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Ms. Alley Reyes, Project Engineer – via email at [alley.reyes@cucgov.org](mailto:alley.reyes@cucgov.org) and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Purchasing Technician Senior – via email at [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

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## Business

### Pfizer seeks OK of an updated COVID vaccine booster for fall



A health worker administers a dose of a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine during a vaccination clinic in Reading, Pa., Sept. 14, 2021. AP

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

Pfizer asked U.S. regulators Monday to authorize its combination COVID-19 vaccine that adds protection against the newest omicron relatives—a key step toward opening a fall booster campaign.

The Food and Drug Administration ordered vaccine makers to tweak their shots to target BA.4 and BA.5 that are better than ever at dodging immunity from earlier vaccination or infection.

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech aim to offer updated boosters to people 12 and older, and shots could begin within weeks if the FDA quickly clears the modified vaccine—a step not expected to require waiting on new studies.

Moderna is expected to file a similar application soon for updated boosters for adults. The U.S. has a contract to buy 105 million of the Pfizer doses and 66 million Moderna ones, assuming FDA gives the green light.

“It’s going to be really im-

portant that people this fall and winter get the new shots. It’s designed for the virus that’s out there,” White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha said last week.

For now at least, BA.5 currently is causing nearly all COVID-19 infections in the U.S. and much of the world. There’s no way to know if it still will be a threat this winter—or if another mutant will have replaced it.

The vaccines currently used in the U.S. still offer strong protection against severe disease and death, especially if people have gotten their recommended boosters. But those vaccines target the coronavirus strain that spread in early 2020 and their effectiveness against infection has dropped markedly as new mutants came along, particularly the super-contagious omicron family.

How would combo shots work? Sort of like a second-generation vaccine. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines contain the genetic instructions for the spike protein

that coats the coronavirus, to train the immune system to recognize the real virus. The new combo doses will contain instructions for both the original spike target and the spike mutations carried by BA.4 and BA.5.

The news comes after Britain a week ago became the first in the world to authorize a different update to Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccines -- shots that add protection against the original omicron that struck last winter.

European regulators also are considering the original omicron versions by Moderna and Pfizer. The U.S. opted not to use that earlier tweak—setting up a fall where different countries will be using different versions of booster shots to rev up protection against another possible winter surge.

In the U.S., the FDA will be relying heavily on scientific testing of prior tweaks to the vaccine recipe—rather than a study of the newest boosters that could take months—to decide whether to fast-track updated shots for fall.

nounced by Intel earlier this year. When the two factories, known as fabs, open in 2025, the facility will employ 3,000 people with an average salary of around \$135,000. Before that happens, the 1,000-acre site must be leveled and the semiconductor factories built.

#### Walmart ordered to pay Oregon man \$4.4M for racial profiling

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A Multnomah County grand jury

has ordered Walmart to pay \$4.4 million in damages to a man who sued the store, saying he was racially profiled and harassed by a Walmart employee at a Portland, Oregon, area store in 2020. According to the lawsuit the employee “spied” on Dovey Mangum while shopping, ordered him to leave and called police when he refused, KGW reported. Mangum filed the lawsuit against Walmart for negligent retention and action against person who summons police with improper intent.

## Nation

### Atlanta police: 2 killed, 1 shot

ATLANTA (AP)—A woman shot and killed two people and wounded a third Monday at two different locations in Atlanta’s Midtown neighborhood and was later taken into custody at the city’s airport, police said.

Atlanta police said they did not immediately know what prompted the attack, but they believe the victims were targeted. The suspect’s name was not released.

“We do not believe these were random acts of violence,” interim police chief

Darrin Schierbaum told a news conference.

Officers responded to a report of a shooting around 1:45 p.m. and found two victims at the first building. One of the victims died, and the other was taken to a hospital, Atlanta police said.

While there, police received another report of a shooting at a second building less than a mile (1.6 km) away. That victim was also taken to the hospital and later died. Atlanta police said they are investigating how the

two sites are connected.

Law enforcement officers from multiple agencies descended on the Midtown area, telling residents to stay inside as they searched the area. Atlanta police said an “extensive camera network” helped them track the suspect and she was eventually located at the Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Mayor Andre Dickens said the woman was arrested before entering a restricted area and that the “security of the airport was never compromised.”

### AP-NORC Poll: Most in US want stricter gun laws

CHICAGO (AP)—Most U.S. adults think gun violence is increasing nationwide and want to see gun laws made stricter, according to a new poll that finds broad public support for a variety of gun restrictions, including many that are supported by majorities of Republicans and gun owners.

The poll by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research also shows majorities of U.S. adults view both reducing gun violence and protecting gun ownership as important issues.

The poll was conducted between July 28 and Aug. 1, after a string of deadly mass shootings—from a New York grocery store to a school in Texas and a July 4 parade in Illinois—and a 2020 spike in gun killings that have increased attention

on the issue of gun violence. Overall, 8 in 10 Americans perceive that gun violence is increasing around the country, and about two-thirds say it’s increasing in their state, though less than half believe it’s increasing in their community, the poll shows.

The question of how to prevent such violence has long divided politicians and many voters, making it difficult to change gun laws. In June, a conservative majority on the Supreme Court expanded gun rights, finding a constitutional right to carry firearms in public for self-defense.

Later that same month, President Joe Biden signed a bipartisan gun safety bill. The package, approved in the wake of shootings like the one that killed 19 children and two teachers in Uvalde, Texas, was both a measured

compromise and the most significant bill addressing gun violence to be approved in Congress in decades—an indication of how intractable the issue has become.

The poll found 71% of Americans say gun laws should be stricter, including about half of Republicans, the vast majority of Democrats, and a majority of those in gun-owning households.

Nicole Whitelaw, 29, is a Democrat and gun owner who grew up hunting and target shooting in upstate New York with her strongly Republican family. Whitelaw, who now lives along Florida’s Gulf Coast, supports some gun restrictions, such as prohibiting people convicted of domestic violence from owning firearms and a federal law preventing mentally ill people from purchasing guns.



#### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Lawyer: No evidence of mom’s alleged Qanon kidnapping plot

DENVER (AP)—There is no evidence a Colorado woman who lost custody of her 7-year-old son for allegedly lying about his health problems plotted with Qanon supporters to have him kidnapped from foster care, her lawyer told jurors Monday at the start of her trial. The prosecution’s case about the alleged plot in 2019 is based on the account of Cynthia Abcug’s then 16-year-old daughter, who told her counselor that her mother was talking with followers of the baseless Qanon conspiracy theory about launching a raid on the home, defense lawyer Brian Hall said during opening statements in court in Castle Rock in suburban Denver. Many Qanon supporters believe former President Donald Trump was fighting enemies in the so-called deep state to expose a group of satanic, cannibalistic child molesters they believe secretly runs the globe.

#### Man sentenced in extremist killing of federal officer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —A man who destroyed evidence during the investigation of the deadly shooting of a federal officer in California by an extremist militia member was sentenced Monday to 10 1/2 years in federal prison, authorities said. Robert Blancas, 35, was sentenced in San Francisco

federal court for obstructing justice and also for enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement. In a plea agreement, the Castro Valley man acknowledged that he was a member of the “Grizzly Scouts” militia group connected to the “boogaloo” movement, prosecutors said.

#### Trump seeks special master to review Mar-a-Lago documents

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lawyers for former President Donald Trump asked a federal judge Monday to halt the FBI’s review of documents recovered from his Florida estate earlier this month until a neutral special master can be appointed to inspect the records. The request was included in a federal lawsuit, the first filing by Trump’s legal team in the two weeks since the search, that takes broad aim at the FBI investigation into the discovery of classified records at Mar-a-Lago and that foreshadows arguments his lawyers are expected to make as the probe proceeds. It comes as The New York Times reported that the government has recovered more than 300 documents marked classified from Mar-a-Lago since Trump left office, including more than 150 retrieved by the National Archives in January—a number that helped trigger the criminal investigation.

#### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Wanted: 7,000 construction workers for Intel chip plants

JOHNSTOWN, Ohio (AP)—Ohio’s largest-ever economic development project comes with a big employment challenge: how to find 7,000 construction workers in an already booming building environment when there’s also a national shortage of people working in the trades. At hand is the \$20 billion semiconductor manufacturing operation near the state’s capital, an-



# Asia

## Thailand's court asked to rule if prime minister must step down

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Thailand's Constitutional Court on Monday received a petition from opposition lawmakers seeking a ruling on whether Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha has reached the legal limit on how long he can remain in office.

The petition, signed by 171 members of the House of Representatives, asks the nine-member court to rule on an article in the constitution limiting prime ministers to eight years in office.

The court is widely expected to announce on Wednesday whether it will rule on the petition. It is uncertain whether the court, if it accepts the case, would temporarily suspend Prayuth from his duties until it issues a ruling.

At issue is the date that should be used in determining how long he has been in office. Prayuth, then army commander, seized power in May 2014 after toppling an elected government in a military coup. He led a ruling junta and was installed as prime minister on Aug. 24, 2014, under a provisional post-coup constitution.

His critics and several legal experts contend this means he will complete eight years in office on Tuesday.

His supporters say the country's current constitution, which contains the provision limiting prime ministers to eight years, came into effect on April 6, 2017, and that should be used as the starting date. An even more generous interpretation is that the count-down began on June 9, 2019, when Prayuth took office under the new constitution following a 2019 general election.



Chan-ocha

lowing a 2019 general election.

The move to oust Prayuth has raised political tensions. Polls show the prime minister's popularity is at a low ebb and his critics have been seeking his exit for more than two years, saying he came to power illegitimately.

He has also been accused of mishandling the economy and botching Thailand's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayuth and his coalition government, however, have survived four no-confidence votes since the 2019 election, most recently last month.

Several street protests urging the court to rule against Prayuth have been held in the past few days, and some critics have also suggested he take the initiative in stepping down.

## Danish adoptees call for S. Korea to probe adoption issues

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—Dozens of South Korean adoptees who were sent to Danish parents as children in the 1970s and '80s have formally demanded the South Korean government investigate the circumstances surrounding their adoptions, which they say were corrupted by systemic practices that falsified or obscured children's origins.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Seoul has up to four months to decide whether to accept the application collectively filed Tuesday by the 53 adoptees. If it does, that could possibly trigger the most far-reaching inquiry into foreign adoptions in the country, which has never truly come to terms with the child export frenzy engineered by past military governments.

The application cites a broad range of grievances emphasizing how scores of children were carelessly or unnecessarily removed from their families amid loose government monitoring and a lack of due diligence.

Perhaps more crucially, the country's special laws aimed at promoting adoptions practically allowed profit-driven agencies to manipulate records and bypass proper child relinquishment.

Most of the South Korean adoptees sent abroad were registered by agencies as legal orphans found abandoned on the streets, although they frequently had relatives who

could be easily identified and found. This made the children more easily adoptable as agencies raced to send more kids to the West at faster speeds.

"None of us are orphans," said Peter Møller, attorney and co-head of the Danish Korean Rights Group, as he described the group's members who filed the application.

"(In) a lot of papers, the Korean state at the time have stamped papers that say people were found on the streets. If you do a little bit of math, that would mean that from the 1970s and 1980s Seoul would be flooded with baskets with children lying around in the streets. ... Basements will be filled with lost child reports at police stations."

## PH eyes US choppers after scrapping Russia deal

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine officials are considering a U.S. offer to provide heavy-lift helicopters like its widely used Chinooks after Manila scrapped a deal to buy military choppers from Russia due to fears of Western sanctions, the Philippine ambassador to Washington said Monday.

Then-President Rodrigo Duterte approved the cancellation of the signed deal to buy 16 Russian Mi-17 helicopters due to concerns over possible Western sanctions, which could hamper fast bank transfers of the income Filipino workers send home from the U.S. and other Western countries, Ambassador Jose

Romualdez said.

Romualdez said Washington did not pressure the Philippines to drop the 12.7-billion-peso (\$227 million) deal with the Russians.

But following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, countries that would purchase Russian equipment could face Western sanctions, he said.

"I think it was really prudent specially for President Duterte to approve the cancellation of that contract because it can save us a lot of trouble," Romualdez told an online news conference organized by Manila-based foreign correspondents.

The U.S. offer to sell Boeing CH-47 Chinooks was dis-

cussed as early as last year by former Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and his American counterpart, Lloyd Austin, in Washington even before Duterte was persuaded by key Cabinet members to cancel the deal, Romualdez said.

One of Duterte's Cabinet members, Finance Secretary Sonny Dominguez, warned Duterte then that Western countries may withhold assistance that could help the Philippines deal with and recover from coronavirus outbreaks, two Philippine officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to discuss the issue publicly.

# World

## Ukraine: 9,000 of its soldiers killed since Russia began war



A man collects copper wires on the market which was destroyed after Russian bombardment in Nikopol, Ukraine, on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022. AP

**NIKOPOL, Ukraine** (AP)—Russia's invasion of Ukraine has already killed some 9,000 Ukrainian soldiers since it began nearly six months ago, a general said, and the fighting Monday showed no signs that the war is abating.

At a veteran's event, Ukraine's military chief, Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, said many of Ukraine's children need to be taken care of because "their father went to the front line and, perhaps, is one of those almost 9,000 heroes who died."

In Nikopol, across the river from Ukraine's main nuclear power plant, Russian shelling wounded four people Monday, an official said. The city on the Dnieper

River has faced relentless pounding since July 12 that has damaged 850 buildings and sent about half its population of 100,000 fleeing.

"I feel hate towards Russians," said 74-year-old Liudmyla Shyshkina, standing on the edge of her destroyed fourth-floor apartment in Nikopol that no longer has walls. She is still injured from the Aug. 10 blast that killed her 81-year-old husband, Anatoliy.

"The Second World War didn't take away my father, but the Russian war did," noted Pavlo Shyshkin, his son.

The U.N. says 5,587 civilians have been killed and 7,890 wounded in the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began on Feb. 24, although

the estimate is likely an undercount. The U.N. children's agency said Monday that at least 972 Ukrainian children have been killed or injured since Russia invaded. UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell said these are U.N.-verified figures but "we believe the number to be much higher."

U.S. President Joe Biden and the leaders of Britain, France and Germany pleaded Sunday for Russia to end military operations so close to the Zaporizhzhya nuclear plant—Europe's largest—but Nikopol came under fire three times overnight from rockets and mortar shells. Houses, a kindergarten, a bus station and stores were hit, authorities said.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Haitians launch protests, demand ouster of prime minister

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** (AP)—Thousands of protesters in Haiti's capital and other major cities blocked roads, shut down businesses and marched through the streets Monday to demand that Prime Minister Ariel Henry step down and to call for a better quality of life. Associated Press journalists observed an unidentified man fatally shoot a demonstrator in Port-au-Prince and then flee in a car as the crowd temporarily scattered. Demonstrator Lionel Jean-Pierre, who witnessed the shooting, said things in Haiti have gotten out of control. "Families don't know what to do," he said as the crowd around him chanted: "If Ariel doesn't leave, we're going to die!"

#### Congo reports new Ebola case linked to previous outbreak

**BENI, Congo** (AP)—A new case of the Ebola virus has been confirmed in Congo's eastern Beni city, Congo's ministry of health announced Monday, saying it is linked to a previous outbreak. Testing by a lab at the National Institute for Biomedical Research in Goma confirmed the case was the Ebola

Zaire strain and was genetically linked to Congo's 10th outbreak in Ituri and North Kivu provinces from 2018 to 2020 that killed more than 2,000 people, the ministry said. The case involved a 46-year-old woman who was admitted to the Beni hospital in late July and died Aug. 15 after suffering symptoms associated with Ebola.

#### Officials: Landslide at Shiite shrine in Iraq kills 8

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—A landslide collapsed the ceiling of a Shiite shrine in central Iraq over the weekend and killed at least eight people, including a child, officials said Monday as rescuers continued to search for survivors. The landslide struck Qattarat al-Imam Ali shrine near the holy city of Karbala, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Baghdad, on Saturday. According to Iraq's civil defense, the landslide hit the ceiling of the shrine, which lies in a natural depression, causing it to cave in and dumping a torrent of rock and mud inside the structure. The entrance, walls and the minarets of the shrine, which was built on the place of a water source in the desert, remained standing.

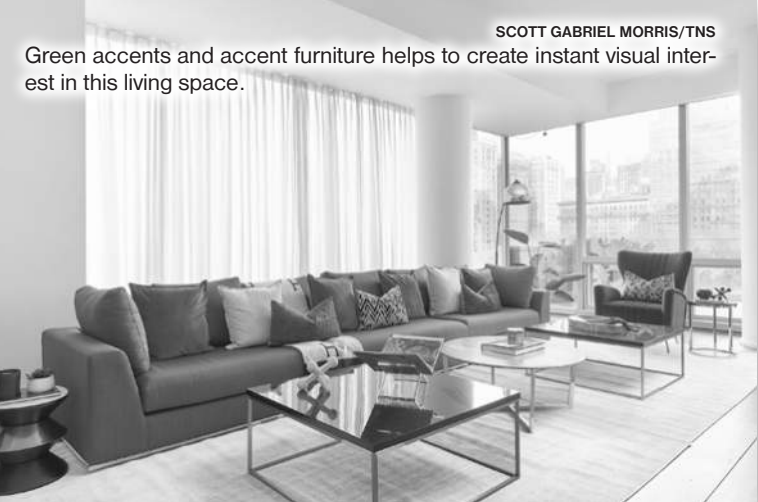




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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS  
Greenery is used to help incorporate green accents into a living space.

When creating a color palette, especially if you love neutrals, green can serve as a lively and inviting pop of color. With its undertones of yellow and rich depth of color, green can also add a sense of luxury and richness and can be a welcome alternative to darker colors such as indigo and black. Looking for ways to incorporate green into your decor? Here are some top tips.



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Green accents and accent furniture helps to create instant visual interest in this living space.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS  
An oversized green accent chair makes a bold statement in a master bedroom.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS  
A green accent chair helps to create an appealing focal point.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS  
Green accent chairs and artwork with pops of green adds a sense of richness in this seating area.

1. Use greenery, such as succulents, trees and plants, as a way to bring elements of green into your space.
2. Use portable design elements such as green toss pillows and throws.
3. Look for ways to bring the color green into your home through an inspirational element such as a piece of art or side chair.
4. Use tints, tones and shades of green in purposeful ways in order to create a dynamic, monochromatic color scheme.
5. Use green to bring warmth into a space. Because of its yellow undertones, green will help add a sense of coziness.



# Life & Style

## Police: Bag found at Stockholm festival had an explosive

**STOCKHOLM** (AP)—A bag with an explosive charge was found in a Stockholm park during an annual cultural festival and police have opened a preliminary investigation into attempted public destruction, police in Sweden said Monday.

## Prince William, Kate relocate from London to rural Windsor cottage



Britain's Prince William, Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis, appear on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, during the Platinum Jubilee Pageant outside Buckingham Palace in London, June 5, 2022.

**LONDON** (AP)—Prince William and his wife, Kate, will relocate their family from central London to more rural dwellings in Windsor, and all three of their children will attend the same private school near their new home, palace officials said Monday.

William and Kate will move from Kensington Palace in west London to Adelaide Cottage, about a 10-minute walk from Windsor Castle, palace officials said in a statement.

The move means that the family will be much closer to Queen Elizabeth II, who has lived in Windsor Castle since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. The queen's official residence is Buckingham Palace in London, but some British media reports

have said the monarch, 96, may now permanently reside in Windsor.

Prince George, 9, Princess Charlotte, 7, and Prince Louis, 4, will all start at the private Lambrook School in nearby Ascot in September. George and Charlotte had been attending a school in south London, and Louis is just starting his formal full-time schooling.

Adelaide Cottage, built in 1831 for Queen Adelaide, the wife of King William IV, is a four-bedroom home of relatively modest size for the royals. But William and Kate will retain their apartment in Kensington Palace as their official working base, as well as their 10-bedroom country mansion in Norfolk and a holiday cottage in Scotland.

said Monday.

On Sunday, a bag was found and its content was immediately "assessed as dangerous." The surrounding area was cordoned off and traffic was temporarily rerouted, police said. A bomb squad neutralized the content of the bag on the spot.

"It is only after the investigation at the national forensic center that we can say whether the dangerous object was functional," said Erik Åkerlund, local police manager.

The police department said it was working "widely," interviewing witnesses and ex-

amining photo and video images. At the moment no one is in custody.

Police said the bag was found at 9:40 p.m. Sunday. The Aftonbladet newspaper said it was left near the Cafe Opera, a famous nightclub.

The five-day Stockholm

Culture Festival ended Sunday with a concert by Iranian pop singer Ebi, whose real name is Ebrahim Hamed and who is a known Iranian dissident. The free festival included musical acts, activities and performances in six areas across the Swedish capital.

## Accuser's mom: R Kelly's threats made her fear for her life

**CHICAGO** (AP)—A mother whose daughter prosecutors say R. Kelly sexually abused starting when she was 14 told jurors Monday at the singer's federal trial that she lied to a state grand jury 20 years ago, in part because she and her husband felt threatened by Kelly and feared for their lives if they told the truth.

The mom, who used the pseudonym, "Susan," in court at the trial in Chicago, described how she, her husband and Kelly were crying when the parents confronted the Grammy-winner at a hotel in the early 2000s about whether he was abusing their daughter. She testified

they were startled when Kelly told them, "You are with us or against us."

She said she took those words to mean "that they were going to harm us if we didn't do what they wanted us to do." Among the directives from Kelly and an associate was that they had to lie that their daughter was not in a child pornography video and that they had to leave the country immediately for several weeks, she testified.

"We were very, very frightened," she told jurors.

She added later that she lied to the grand jury "because we feared for our lives and we were intimidated." She said she also

feared for the well-being of her daughter, who warned her parents at the time that she might commit suicide if they refused to do what Kelly asked them to do.

Kelly, 55, is on trial in his hometown on charges that include production of child pornography, enticing minor girls for sex and obstruction justice by successfully rigging his 2008 child pornography trial in state court, at which he was acquitted.

Kelly is already staring at a 30-year prison sentence imposed by a federal judge in New York in June for his 2021 convictions on racketeering and sex trafficking charges.

Susan's daughter, who went

by the pseudonym "Jane," was among the prosecution's first witnesses as the trial began last week. Jane told jurors that she also lied to the same grand jury prior to 2008 trial when she said she was not the 14-year-old girl in a video with Kelly. Jane, now 37, told jurors last week that, in fact, she had been sexually abused hundreds of times by Kelly before she had turned at 18.

On Monday, in an often contentious cross-examination, Kelly attorney Jennifer Bonjean repeatedly questioned Susan about whether she truly felt her life was in any danger from Kelly or his associates.

## Rapper Fetty Wap faces at least 5 years in prison for drugs

**CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y.** (AP)—Rapper Fetty Wap pleaded guilty Monday to a conspiracy drug charge that carries a mandatory five-year prison sentence, admitting that he participated in a massive drug trafficking racket that moved drugs from the West Coast to Long Island.

The plea in Central Islip came before U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven Locke, who had revoked his bond and sent him to jail two weeks ago. After the plea, he was returned to jail to

await sentencing, though a date was not immediately set.

Locke revoked the rapper's \$500,000 bail, secured by property he owns in Georgia, after prosecutors said that Wap, whose real name is Willie Maxwell, threatened to kill a man during a FaceTime call in 2021, violating the terms of his pretrial release in his drug case.

The "Trap Queen" rapper was initially arrested last October on charges alleging he participated in a conspiracy to

smuggle large amounts of heroin, fentanyl and other drugs into the New York City area.

He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess controlled substances, the top charge in an indictment against him, though the plea pertained only to cocaine. It carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison while federal sentencing guidelines are likely to recommend about two additional years in prison. The plea spared him from a potential

life sentence if he had been convicted on all the charges he faced.

His lawyers did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Maxwell and five co-defendants were accused of conspiring to possess and distribute more than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of heroin, fentanyl and crack cocaine between June 2019 and June 2020. Two codefendants also have pleaded guilty and await sentencing.

## Wife keeps bringing up husband's long affair

**DEAR ABBY:** I have known my husband my whole life. We have been married 20 years and have three teenage children. Last year, I caught him cheating. Turned out he had been with someone for seven years. Our children and I were devastated, and he swore up and down he'd never do it again.

I am occasionally triggered by things I see, things he says or does, or things I know he has done with her. When it happens, I usually bring up the affair again. He can't stand that I do. He says we have to put it in the past and work on our marriage. I told him this may be easy for him to do, but I'm not that kind of person. I tend to overanalyze and dwell on things.

We have been to marriage counseling, and I was grateful for that because he was always against it. It helped somewhat. I need to know how to stop bringing up these matters because it is ruining my health and our marriage. I love him very much.

One more point: I'm insecure because he is in the military and due to be deployed for a year. I'm afraid he may go online and start talking to someone. He swears he won't do this to me again and he's so sorry for what he did. Please advise.

**TOTALLY LOST IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR TOTALLY LOST:** I'm glad counseling helped you and your husband through the rough patch. Now it's time for some more—or YOU, to help you cope with

your insecurity issues. Making yourself crazy over what he "might" do during his year of deployment isn't helping you or the state of your marriage. You have to make a decision about whether to trust your husband -- and then proceed from there.

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**DEAR ABBY:** An acquaintance from 40 years ago contacted me three years ago after, he claims, searching for and finding me on social media. We have been speaking on and off since then, but he's now calling every day (sometimes twice a day) saying he's making travel plans to come see me. He lives in Canada; I'm in Massachusetts.

Way back when, he begged me to sleep with him, knowing I was dating his best friend. His friend was out of town at the time. Shocked and blindsided, I caved under his pressure and acquiesced, and then slept with him a second time. My boyfriend was still overseas, and I couldn't tell if he had any intention of returning.

This acquaintance has yet to send me even a thorn, much less petal from a rose during the past three years and has ghosted me a number of times. Should I entertain the idea of seeing him, let alone think there could be anything more? I'm divorced, my children are grown and I haven't enjoyed any male company for the last 14 years. All this time I've just been tending to my family.

**DESIRING MORE THAN CYBERLOVE**

## DEAR ABBY

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**DEAR DESIRING MORE:** You may be lonely, but please, start thinking rationally. For your own sake, do not become further involved with a man who would seduce a woman who is dating his friend and who has ghosted you "a number of times" in the last few years. During the periods in which you have been ghosted and lonely, it appears he has been very busy! This person is not to be trusted with your heart or anything else.

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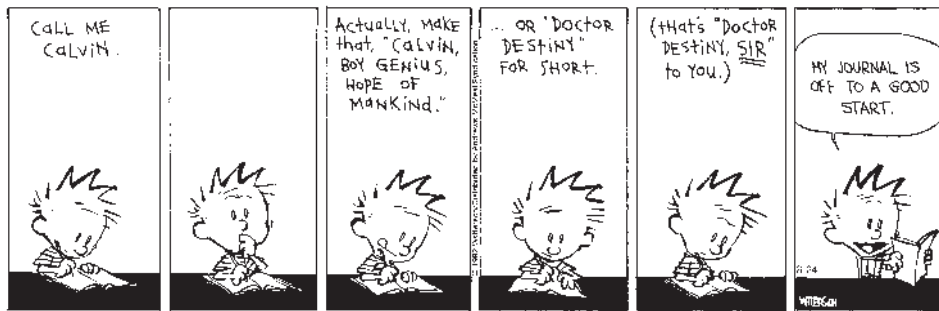
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



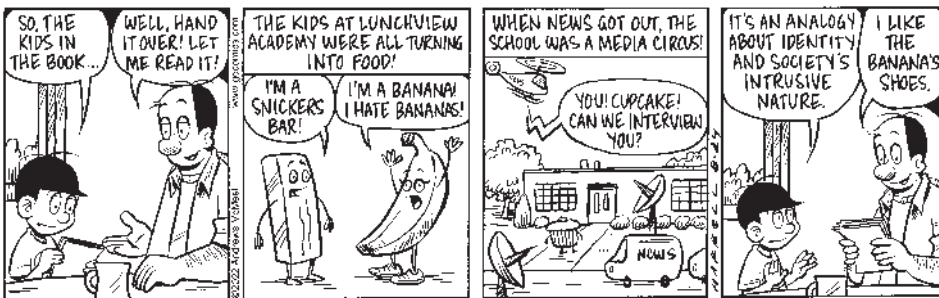
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**Yesterday's answer 8-24**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Rupert Grint, 34; Kali Reis, 36; John Green, 45; Cal Ripken Jr., 62.

**Happy Birthday:** Stay on track, regardless of what's happening around you. Take your time, plan your actions and execute your intentions with intelligence and strength. Make this the year to address the past and bring into focus what you want to achieve moving forward. Embrace what's best for you instead of following in someone's footsteps. Offer sound ideas and help. Your numbers are 4, 10, 16, 24, 32, 37, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Relax; a balanced lifestyle will encourage success. You'll gain respect and friendship if you mix business with pleasure. Romance is encouraged, and time spent with someone special will enhance your relationship. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take a wait-and-see approach, but make sure you are fully prepared to make a move when the time is right. Refuse to let emotions or your love for someone push you to do something you wouldn't do under normal circumstances. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Getting anxious won't solve problems, but choosing what makes you feel comfortable will point you in the right direction. Maintain a disciplined attitude and strong work ethic; your efforts will stand out. Let your creativity shine and lead to new beginnings. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Share your true feelings and adjust whatever situation doesn't fit your lifestyle. Think outside the box, and you'll devise a plan to help you get ahead without taking a risk. Don't go overboard emo-

tionally, financially or physically. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Consider everything a blessing, and look for the good in everyone before planning. Knowing what you are up against will help compensate for what can go wrong. Before participating, speak up regarding financial matters, shared expenses and donations. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You'll get fired up quickly if you let the little things get to you. Take a moment to collect your thoughts and feelings before making a move. Protect against health risks, injuries and problems with authority figures. Strive for a stellar reputation. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Be open about how you feel and what you want, and you'll gain the confidence and respect of the people who share common interests. Build a strong foundation, and you will make a difference in your community, family and the industry in which you work. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Digest what's happening around you and decide what to do next. Learn through observation, and explore your options before you make a move. An unexpected decision someone makes will leave you confused. Don't fear taking a different path. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be the one to make the first move. Set yourself up for success and refuse to let anyone answer for you. Put your ideas out there and choose to make your dreams come true. Action leads to power and new opportunities. ★★★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Consider what's possible and make it happen. Invest time and money into something meaningful you can share with someone you love. If you ignore the signals someone is sending you, disappointment will follow. Be mindful of what others want. ★★★★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't let anger take over when action is required. State your case openly, play fair and give everyone a chance to contribute facts. Work alongside others to reach a joint decision, and good things will transpire. Self-improvement and romance are favored. ★★★★★



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You can have fun without going overboard. Surround yourself with people who contribute to your plans without putting you in a compromising position. Don't judge what others do; take another look and you'll discover common ground. Choose peace over chaos. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are meticulous, quick-witted and inventive. You are big-hearted and helpful.

★: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ★★: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ★★★: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ★★★★: Aim high; start new projects. ★★★★★: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level: ★★

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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# Judge 47th HR, Yanks top Scherzer, Mets 4-2 in Subway Series



**NEW YORK** (AP)—Ten-sion had climbed around the Yankees heading into the Subway Series like the floors rising on a New York skyscraper. Aaron Judge and Andrew Benintendi gave them hope the big slump was over.

"We got a special group of individuals that are mentally tough enough to kind of bounce back after a couple of tough series and know, hey, it's a long season and we haven't been playing the type of ball we want to," Judge said after his major league-leading 47th home run sparked them to Monday night's 4-2 win over the Mets. "It's time to get back to what we do."

The Yankees, in a historic skid with 14 losses in 18 games coming into this matchup in the Bronx, built a 3-0 lead on DJ LeMahieu's first-inning sacrifice fly, Judge's third-inning home run off Scherzer (9-3) and fifth-inning doubles by Isiah Kiner-Falefa and Benintendi, who added an RBI single in the seventh.

They withstood a botched popup by rookie Oswaldo Cabrera and gained back-to-back wins for the first time since July 29-30, ensuring they ended a streak of six straight series losses, their worst since 1995.

Asked how many consecutive crisp games they need to ease their panicked fan base, manager Aaron Boone quipped: "4 1/2."

"At our core, we believe we're a really good team," Boone said. "And how many that is in a row that we've got to show that, I'll leave that up to you guys."

Domingo Germán (2-2) withstood James McCann's 104 mph liner off his left calf in in the sixth and was cruising with a three-hitter when Pete Alonso hit a seventh-inning popup that Cabrera and right fielder Marwin Gonzalez settled under just 221 feet from the plate.

Cabrera, making his first big league start at second after appearances at shortstop, third base and right, allowed the ball to pop out of his glove for an error as Gonzalez's leather hit his mitt, a play reminiscent of Luis Castillo's ninth-inning drop that turned the first Subway Series game at new Yankee Stadium in 2009.

Daniel Vogelbach, with 6-inch streaks of eye black across his face, followed two pitches later by driving a curveball into the Yankees bullpen in right-center for a two-run homer that made it 3-2.

Benintendi restored a two-run lead in the bottom half after Kiner-Falefa reached on an infield single and took second when shortstop Francisco Lindor made a barehand pickup of a bouncer and rushed a sidearm

throw wide of first for an error.

Germán (2-2) gave up two runs — one earned — in 6 1/3 innings. He was limping after the game but said he should be able to take his next turn.

Rookie Ron Marinaccio and Jonathan Loaisiga got four outs each, with Loaisiga earning his first save since Aug. 17 last year. That drew loud cheers from a season-high crowd of 48,760, the Yankees' ninth home sellout.

Judge, whose moved one ahead of Alonso with his 103rd RBI, said intensity rose because of the New York rivalry.

"The fans were bringing it," he said. "You could just feel a little different energy in the dugout."

## Cardinals 1, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Albert Pujols hit career homer No. 693, Jordan Montgomery pitched a one-hitter and St. Louis won its season-best eighth straight.

Pujols led off the seventh with a drive to left-center for his seventh homer in his last 10 games and No. 14 overall in his final big league season.

Chicago's Drew Smyly (5-7) became the 449th pitcher to surrender a homer to the 42-year-old Pujols.

Montgomery (7-3) struck out seven and walked none in his first career complete game, improving to 4-0 in four starts since he was acquired in an Aug. 2 trade with the New York Yankees.

## Braves 2, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Jake Odorizzi struck out seven and Michael Harris II hit a two-run homer to lead Atlanta past Pittsburgh.

The Braves have won 12 of 14 to pull within three games of the New York Mets in the NL East.

Odorizzi (5-5) allowed one run on four hits in six innings, retiring 14 of the final 15 batters he faced.

Harris hit the 13th homer of his rookie season into the left-field bleachers off a curveball from Roansy Contreras (3-4).

Kenley Jansen struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 29th save.

## Rangers 2, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Adolis García homered and Corey Seager singled home the go-ahead run in the sixth inning as Texas beat Minnesota.

Twins star outfielder Byron Buxton exited in the seventh with right hip tightness.

A.J. Alexy (1-0) pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings in relief of starter Cole Ragans. Brett Martin, José Leclerc and Matt Moore blanked the Twins the rest of the way, with Moore earning his third save of the season.

Sonny Gray (7-4) gave up two runs on five hits while



New York Yankees' Aaron Judge hits a home run in the third inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets, Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, in New York.

fanning six. The Twins turned a triple play behind him in the fourth.

Texas took three of four in the weekend wraparound series and is 5-3 since replacing Chris Woodward with interim manager Tony Beasley last week.

## Rays 2, Angels 1

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Randy Arozarena hit a tiebreaking home run in the fifth inning and Tampa Bay beat Los Angeles.

Jeffrey Springs (6-3) pitched effectively into the sixth inning for the Rays, who have won eight of 10 and moved a half-game ahead of Toronto and Seattle in the AL wild-card race.

Arozarena hit his 17th homer of the season off Tucker Davidson (2-4) after Mike Trout had tied the game in the fifth with an

RBI single.

Shawn Armstrong pitched the ninth to earn his first save for the Rays.

## Phillies 4, Reds 1

In Philadelphia, Noah Syndergaard pitched seven strong innings to stay unbeaten with Philadelphia.

Nick Castellanos and Bryson Stott hit back-to-back homers for the Phillies off Cincinnati's Luis Cessa (3-2).

Syndergaard (8-8) allowed one run on three hits with one strikeout and two walks.

Philadelphia moved ahead of idle San Diego into the second NL wild-card spot.

## Royals 6, White Sox 4

In Kansas City, Mo., Drew Waters drew a bases-loaded walk to break an eighth-inning tie in

his major league debut, boosting Kansas City past Chicago.

Joe Kelly (1-3), the seventh of eight White Sox pitchers, hit a pair of batters to start the inning. Ryan O'Hearn singled, and Waters drew a five-pitch walk with one out to break a 4-all tie.

White Sox starter Michael Kopech exited the game after facing just four hitters, retiring none. Manager Tony La Russa said Kopech had a hamstring issue.

Amir Garrett (3-1) pitched a scoreless eighth and Scott Barlow finished for his 20th save.

## Brewers 4, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, Eric Lauer and four Milwaukee relievers combined to hand Los Angeles its first shutout of the season at Dodger Stadium.

The Dodgers, with the best record in baseball and the highest-scoring team in the majors, had their nine-game home winning streak snapped. Los Angeles was blanked for the sixth time overall this season after completing a weekend sweep of Miami with 19 runs and 34 hits in a three-game series.

Lauer (9-5) allowed five hits in five innings. He struck out two and walked two. The Brewers bullpen allowed three hits the rest of the way.

Luis Urias snapped an 0-for-21 slump with a home run in the fourth inning. He entered as a defensive replacement at third base in the third. His solo drive came with two outs off Julio Urias (13-7), who gave up two hits in six innings, struck out seven and walked one.

The Brewers scored three times in the ninth off Phil Bickford.

## Marlins 3, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., rookie Edward Cabrera pitched two-hit ball over eight innings in another impressive start, Charles Leblanc homered Miami beat Oakland.

Cabrera (4-1) retired the final 14 batters in the longest outing of his career. He struck out seven and walked three in the 101-pitch performance.

Tanner Scott followed with one-hit relief for his 18th save.

Leblanc connected in the second off Adam Oller (2-6).

The A's drew their second-lowest home crowd of 2,630.

## Yanks' Cashman backs Boone to turn 'slings' into 'bouquets'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Yankees general manager Brian Cashman responded to his team's funk with some flowery language and belief in manager Aaron Boone, the coaches and players. "You get the bouquets come your way when things are flying high and you get the slings and arrows when things aren't going well," Cashman said, hours before the Yankees beat the Mets 4-2 Monday night. "You hear it loud and clear. We know it and we feel it. And it's our job to find a way to to be flying high and make sure that the product out there is something that everybody's excited about." Going into the Subway Series opener in the Bronx, the Yankees (75-48) had lost 14 of their last 18 games and six straight series for the first time since 1995. Their AL East lead stood at eight games, down from 15 1/2 games in early July. Cashman and owner Hal

Steinbrenner were booed during Sunday's ceremony to retire Paul O'Neill's No. 21. Cashman held a news conference Monday evening, endorsing the team's coaching staff and Boone, his fifth-year manager. "He's even he's even keeled," Cashman said. "It's important for our players to see that, because if he can keep his temperament the same, for the most part, they don't see panic. They don't see anything. It doesn't mean he can't lose his cool, which he will from time to time when necessary. He has that gear and he can turn to it. You've seen it. But I think his demeanor is vitally important, in a market like this, especially." Yankees star Aaron Judge said after Saturday's loss to Toronto there needed to be "a little better energy in the dugout and push each other a little bit." Judge hit his major league-leading 47th home run in the win over the

Mets, connecting off Max Scherzer. "When you're playing poorly, you usually look lethargic and not crisp," Cashman said. "If he had a meter for for testing commitment and caring and all that, we'd be off the charts with that crew. But I've been through this enough to know, too, that there are there spaces in time and patches your team can hit where it looks more zombie than than what you're used to seeing." Cashman said he would wait until after the season to evaluate his moves ahead of the Aug. 2 trade deadline, which including obtaining Frankie Montas from Oakland and Andrew Benintendi from Kansas City, and dealing Jordan Montgomery to St. Louis for injured center fielder Harrison Bader, expected back next month. Montas is 0-1 with a 9.00 ERA in three starts, and Benintendi is batting .228 with nine RBIs in 24 games

for the Yankees. Montgomery is 4-0 with a 0.35 ERA for the Cardinals. On Monday night, he pitched a one-hitter as the NL Central leaders beat the Chicago Cubs 1-0. "We're going to reinforce what we got and double down on it," Cashman said. "And I believe that that's the right track with these guys. They're hearing it. They're feeling it, they know it. They're not afraid of it. And if they could turn the narrative to more positive yesterday, they would have done it by now. But they're not afraid to keep pushing through it until we push through it." Cashman knows the Yankees have a restless fan base expecting the team to end a title drought dating to 2009. "The group's got my belief," Cashman said. "I believe strongly in them. I think they're they're still capable of everything we ever hoped and dreamed. But we have to weather this storm first and foremost."



# Griner's detention weighed heavily on Mercury all season

By JOHN MARSHALL  
AP SPORTS WRITER

**PHOENIX (AP)**—A cloud of fear and sadness hovered over the Phoenix Mercury's season as Brittney Griner, their friend and teammate, sat in a Russian prison.

The Mercury pressed on, tried to focus on basketball when they could, "BG" always on their mind.

The difficulties kept coming like a series of blows to the body and soul.

Phoenix's big-splash acquisition opted for a midseason "contract divorce." One of the best players in WNBA history got injured. The team's leading scorer went out due to personal reasons. Another key player ruptured her Achilles in the first game of the playoffs.

Hard to imagine a more difficult season in any sport anywhere.

"This season, I don't think there's a sports team that has endured everything that we endured as the Phoenix Mercury, and it's been completely exhausting," Mercury guard Sophie Cunningham said.



Phoenix Mercury guard Diamond DeShields (1) watches from the bench during the second half in Game 2 of a WNBA basketball first-round playoff series against the Las Vegas Aces, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, in Las Vegas

The woes began during the offseason.

Many WNBA players supplement their income by playing on lucrative overseas contracts. Griner had played in Russia since 2014 and was headed back during a break for the FIBA Women's Bas-

ketball World Cup qualifying tournaments in February.

Griner didn't get past the Moscow airport. She was arrested after Russian authorities said a search of her luggage revealed vape canisters containing cannabis oil and she faced a 10-year prison sentence in

what became a politically charged case.

Griner pleaded guilty to drug possession charges and was sentenced this month to nine years in prison. It was an expected outcome given the Russian court system — acquittals account for less than

1% of cases in criminal prosecutions — but the news hit the Mercury and rest of the WNBA hard.

Griner's lawyers have appealed and U.S. officials are hoping to work out a prisoner swap to bring her home.

Griner's detention not only left the Mercury without one of the most dominating defensive players in WNBA history, it left them emotionally drained with each little bit of news — or lack of — about their friend and teammate.

"You can't control this BG situation and I think that's the most frustrating part," Mercury forward Kaela Davis said. "We want to do something, but there's nothing we can do and at the same time we still have practices and games. It's frustrating."

With Griner's imprisonment in the back of their minds, the Mercury struggled to start the season, losing nine of their first 11 games. There were internal tensions, including an in-game shouting match between Diana Taurasi and Skylar Diggins-Smith, a social media dust-up between Diggins-Smith and coach Vanessa Nygaard.

In June, Phoenix announced it had agreed to a contract divorce with Tina Charles. The former WNBA MVP led the league in scoring last season

with Washington and was the Mercury's second-leading scorer before leaving after 18 games.

Phoenix kept plugging along and by the end of the season was still in position to make the playoffs for the 10th straight season.

Then Taurasi, the WNBA's all-time leading scorer, suffered a quadriceps injury and missed the final five games. Diggins-Smith was next, missing the final week of the regular season and the playoffs for personal reasons.

The Mercury managed to clinch the WNBA's final playoff spot on the final day of the regular season, but suffered another blow when Shey Peddy ruptured her Achilles tendon in Game 1 against Las Vegas.

The Aces ended Phoenix's tumultuous season by hitting a WNBA record 23 3-pointers in a 117-80 blowout Saturday night.

"A roller coaster, very up and down, lots of turns, very much you don't know what's going to happen next, what the next day will bring," forward Breanna Turner said. "Making the playoffs is definitely an accomplishment in itself considering everything we've been through."

A turbulent season over, the Mercury now hope for a better future, starting with a return home for Griner.

## Dragons complete roster with 3 players from Chinese league

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Bay Area Dragons have added three stars from the Chinese Basketball Association to complete a roster that already contains former NBA players Andrew Nicholson and Myles Powell and the aptly named Big Liu for the inaugural season of the revamped East Asia Super League.

The Dragons on Wednesday confirmed Zhu Songwei, Ju Mingxin and Liu Xiaoyu have signed from the CBA, joining the new club which will be based in Manila for Season 1 of the EASL.

The eight-team league will launch in October and feature the winners and runners-up from the Japanese, South Korean and Philippines leagues as well as the Taiwanese champions and the Bay Area Dragons, who will also be playing in the Philippines league.

Zhu, a forward who played with Sichuan in the CBA and was the fourth overall pick in the 2020 CBA draft, said he's looking forward to the challenge with the Dragons and "being part of the new face of Chinese basketball."

Ju, a 10-year CBA veteran who has spent the last three seasons with the Shanghai Sharks, said the lure was being part of "the first fully professional Chinese club to play internationally."

The Bay Area Dragons have recruited players from across greater China.

"When we started building



Brooklyn Nets head coach Steve Nash coaches against the Milwaukee Bucks during the first half of an NBA basketball game on March 31, 2022, in New York.

this team, we wanted to aim for a mixture of youth and experienced guys. Ju Mingxin is the perfect balance in this mix," Dragons head coach Brian Goorjian said. "His years of experience in the CBA will be a huge asset for our team, and he is also only 29... He's stepping into his prime years as a player."

Goorjian, who coached Australia's national team to a bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics and has been a multiple coach of the year winner in Australia's National Basketball League, will also be reuniting with Liu Xiaoyu.

Liu won CBA champion-

ships with the Guangdong Southern Tigers and also played for the Shanghai Sharks and Beijing Ducks and represented China's national team.

"The Dragons are a one-of-a-kind team," he said. "I previously played under Coach Goorjian with Shanghai and I'm very excited to be back with him."

Liu Chuanxing, a 22-year-old, 2.25-meter (7-foot-5) center for China's national team, was among the first 10 players who signed for the Dragons after a brief stint in Australia, where he was widely known as Big Liu.

The Bay Area Dragons

will play exhibitions later this month before joining the Philippine Basketball Association's Commissioner's Cup as a guest team.

Their first game in the EASL home-and-away season is scheduled for Oct. 12 against the PBA runners-up.

The pan-regional basketball league has started production on a reality series covering the inaugural season of the EASL.

South Korean film director John H. Lee will lead the project and work with executive producers Ezra Holland, director of CTRL Media owned by former NBA star Steve Nash.

## McCaw, Cole, Meeks among USA Basketball AmeriCup invitees

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER



NBA champions Patrick McCaw, Norris Cole and Jodie Meeks are among the 15 players who have been invited by USA Basketball to training camp for the FIBA AmeriCup tournament.

The camp starts Tuesday in Las Vegas. The AmeriCup, the FIBA Americas region championship tournament that was last held in 2017, takes place Sept. 2-11 in Brazil.

Cole won two rings as a member of the Miami Heat. McCaw has been part of three championships — two with Golden State and another with Toronto — while Meeks was with the Raptors team that won a title in 2019.

Also invited to the camp: Zylan Cheatham, Gary Clark Jr., Derek Culver, Will Davis II, Orlando Johnson, Anthony Lamb, Frank Mason III, Jeremy Pargo, Elijah Pemberton, Kendall Smith, Craig Sword and Stephen Zimmerman.

Of the 15 invitees, 11 have appeared in the NBA. Meeks (539 games), Cole (360), McCaw (199), Clark (170) and

Johnson and Mason III (103 apiece) have the most NBA experience among those on the training camp roster.

"Our goal is to always put together a roster of athletes who are ready to play the international style of basketball at the highest level," USA Basketball men's national team director Sean Ford said. "These players have a mix of USA Basketball and professional experience that will help us achieve that goal."

Alex Jensen will coach the team in the AmeriCup, assisted by Mike Williams, Steve Wojciechowski and Nathan Peavy.

The U.S. is the defending AmeriCup champion and has won the event seven times overall, more than any other nation. It will face Mexico on Sept. 2, Venezuela on Sept. 4 and Panama on Sept. 5 in group play.

There are 12 nations that have qualified for AmeriCup, and they were split into three different four-team groups. The top two teams from each group, along with the two best third-place teams, will advance to quarterfinal play on Sept. 8. The semifinals are Sept. 10 and the championship game is Sept. 11.



# Seahawks bolster analytics staff after disappointing season

By TIM BOOTH  
AP SPORTS WRITER

**RENTON, Wash. (AP)**—Of all the moves the Seattle Seahawks made before the start of this season, the acquisition of a pair of analytical 20-somethings flew under the radar.

But they're hoping Peter Engler and Becca Erenbaum will have a huge impact on the organization.

Their job is to make sense of numbers and systems. They run code and develop programs and live in a world of language that if interpreted and translated correctly can be a differentiator between success and failure.

Coming off their worst season in coach Pete Carroll's tenure, the Seahawks aimed to supplement their analytics staff that before this season was on the smaller side compared to other NFL teams.

Enter Erenbaum, 22, and Engler, 24.

They'll be called upon to take various data streams and create a statistical analysis of situations.

They're not the ones calling a 10-yard slant, choosing which player to blitz off the edge or making the call whether to go for it on fourth down or punt. But their work



Becca Erenbaum, left, a senior football research analyst, and Peter Engler, a football research assistant, hold laptop computers as they pose for a photo on Aug. 3, 2022 at the Seattle Seahawks' NFL football indoor training facility in Renton, Wash.

helps determine if those are the correct decisions.

"We have to continue to challenge ourselves to use the information properly and appropriately so that we can make sure that we're getting the most out of it," Carroll said. "And it's not for any kind of lack of data. We have all kinds of stuff."

Erenbaum and Engler joined a team that's been headed by Patrick Ward and Brian Eayrs, who have been with the Seahawks for nearly a decade. Erenbaum will work primarily

with football operations and player personnel. Engler will be focused on working with the coaching staff.

Ward said there are teams with more staff but the seven total Seattle has — including developers — is "pretty healthy."

"We had some openings to get some headcount and get some help to answer some of the questions that you're trying to get after," Ward said. "There's no shortage of questions and there's no shortage of data."

Data and analytics. They

are all encompassing concepts that often struggle to have definition with how they're put into context and used to the benefit of a team or individual.

Erenbaum has worked in the NFL and NBA, and is still finishing up her graduate degree at Columbia.

Engler's background is almost entirely in football. Both have NFL connections from working for "The 33rd Team," a football think tank co-founded by former NFL executives Mike Tannenbaum and Joe Banner.

"I always knew I wanted to be in football, especially on the team side just because of the competitive aspect," Engler said. "I grew up playing all these different sports and so I want to be able to win things."

When asked in prior years about how the Seahawks use analytics, Carroll was usually coy, mostly just acknowledging that Seattle used analytics. Seattle has an analytics team on the business side of the franchise, but getting a handle on how it's used on the football side has proven a challenge.

Now, the oldest coach in the league who will turn 71 in September, is a little more open about it.

"We start from the basics charting our own stuff, and then analyzing our own so we know what our tendencies are, know what our opponents tendencies are, all that normal, typical stuff," Carroll said.

"Although we do it better now and we can do it more specific ways. There's really no limitations. Only in our ability to come up with ideas and how we want to look at stuff because the data is in there."

Carroll said the idea of bolstering staff was part of the message from owner Jody Allen during meetings following the end of last season.

"She made a point a while


back that let's make sure that we're staying at the cutting edge, and I said, 'heck yeah,' whatever that may be," Carroll recalled. "She was the first back in February to make a statement about it so people jumped at it. ... We made room and we created the opportunities for people and she was totally behind it."

Erenbaum was working as an intern for the New York Knicks while taking classes at Columbia, but knew she preferred working in the NFL. She estimates sending 60 or so emails to various front office staffers in the league and as she said, "expecting not one person to answer me."

Erenbaum believes she and Engler complement each other.

"You're gonna have strengths and weaknesses no matter where you go. You just have to adapt to who you're working with, because not everyone is going to be able to read a regression model or be able to code," Erenbaum said. "We both have different coding skills."

Engler has more of a scouting background and Ward was looking for someone specifically with that experience to work directly with the coaching staff on projects. Engler said that means being concise and direct with the info being presented.



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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	75	48	.610	
Tampa Bay	66	55	.545	8
Toronto	65	55	.542	8½
Baltimore	63	58	.521	11
Boston	60	62	.492	14½

Central Division

Cleveland	64	56	.533	
Minnesota	62	58	.517	2
Chicago	62	60	.508	3
Kansas City	50	74	.403	16
Detroit	47	76	.382	18½

West Division

Houston	78	45	.634	
Seattle	66	56	.541	11½
Texas	56	66	.459	21½
Los Angeles	52	70	.426	25½
Oakland	45	78	.366	33

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	79	45	.637	
Atlanta	76	48	.613	3
Philadelphia	67	55	.549	11
Miami	53	69	.434	25
Washington	41	82	.333	37½

Central Division

St. Louis	70	51	.579	
Milwaukee	65	56	.537	5
Chicago	52	69	.430	18
Cincinnati	48	72	.400	21½
Pittsburgh	47	75	.385	23½

West Division

Los Angeles	84	37	.694	
San Diego	68	56	.548	17½
San Francisco	60	61	.496	24
Arizona	55	66	.455	29
Colorado	53	70	.431	32

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## TEAM

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we participate in these are the same boys," he said.

Team Kliq, which won last year's King of the Diamond Labor Day Softball Tournament, started the CNMI Youth Baseball Team Fundraiser with a win over Scoutz and then followed that up by beating Dat's It.

They made the quarterfinals by topping Tokahao before advancing to the finals with a victory over No Excuse.

"We have 15 players on the roster but only 12 boys can play. It's more of the boys being team players and not fussing about playing time that get us through games throughout these tournaments. These are fundraisers. The team is just happy to support and play the

game we all grew to love," said Tony Tenorio on their impressive undefeated run in the Scoutz Youth Baseball-organized softball tournament.

Team Kliq is dedicating the championship to Greg De Leon Guerrero.

"He's a great friend to our pitcher, Peter Tenorio, and to all the young baseball players in the Marianas. We hope more kids will be involved with the sport," said Tony Tenorio.

As for the team name, Tony Tenorio said it comes from a World Wrestling Federation group they all grew up watching in the mid-1990s, composed of Kevin Nash, Scott Hall, Sean Waltman, Shawn Michaels, and Triple H.

"Basically a 'band of brothers.' We're family and boys that we grew up playing baseball with. Our chemistry

comes way before we step on a field. Family gatherings and parties you can expect all of us to be there having a great time together," he added.

For winning the championship, Team Kliq went home with three Latte Built Gym 1-month memberships, one Gold's Gym Saipan 1-week membership, a case of Coca-Cola, a case of Fanta, and a case of Coke Zero.

Team Skeet won one Latte

Built Gym 1-month membership, two Gold's Gym Saipan 2-week memberships, one Poki Yaki \$20 gift certificate, a case of Fanta, and a case of Coke Zero.

Team No Excuse, who won third place, pocketed a Gold's Gym Saipan 1-week membership, a Poki Yaki gift certificate, three Isla Shave Ice gift certificates, a case of Sprite, and a case of Sweet Black Coffee.

Tournament coordinator Rayna Sablan said Team Kliq donated their gift certificate prizes back to Scoutz Youth Baseball. In all, a total of \$4,410 was raised in the CNMI Youth Baseball Team Fundraiser.

The money will be used to fund the Scoutz Youth Baseball's trip to Guam next month for the Inaugural Marianas Friendship Labor Day U18 Baseball Tournament.

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biggest shout out to Grotto maintenance staff Max Aguon and the Division of Parks and Recreation for having the Grotto available on race day.

"The parking lot was flooded the other day with

mud and they cleaned it out to make sure no one slipped. Thank you Max. Thank you also to the Triathlon Association of the CNMI for lending us your medal podium," he added.

Aside from those already mentioned, Dela Cruz also thanked the Department of Public Safety, the Department

of Fire Emergency Medical Services, *Saipan Tribune*, *Marianas Variety*, KSPN News, and DTE Endurance for making Run Saipan's Grotto 10K a success.

"Hope to see everyone next month for cross country and our ICC 5K at Tank Beach! This will be our first 5K in Kagman!" he also said.



Participants of Run Saipan's Inaugural Grotto 10K pose for a group photo after the event last Saturday in Marpi.





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## Team Kliq wins softball fundraiser

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**T**eam Kliq was ready to rumble in the CNMI Youth Baseball Team Fundraiser after winning the championship last Sunday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

The Tony Tenorio-led squad blasted Team Skeet in the finals, 29-19, to complete an unblemished run in the weeklong tournament.

Team Kliq jumped to a 10-0 lead right in the first inning. Team Skeet scored two runs in the second and six more in the third to make it closer, 10-8.

Eight more runs both in the fourth and fifth innings blew

the game wide open, 26-10, before Team Skeet scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Team Kliq would put three more runs in the top of the seventh to make it 29-12 and Team Skeet unleashed a seven-run salvo in the bottom of the seventh in a one-last gasp to rally that ultimately came up short.

Aside from Tenorio, Team Kliq is also made up of Ping



Team Kliq players are all smiles after topping the CNMI Youth Baseball Team Fundraiser last Sunday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

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### Run Saipan ecstatic after first-ever 10K



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Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. said a total of 95 took part in last Saturday's Grotto 10K, which is also the non-profit running club's longest race to date.

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Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. and the rest of the non-profit running club is in seventh heaven after conducting the Inaugural Grotto 10K last Saturday in Marpi.

"Thank you to everyone who showed up today who either helped or physically ran this race. Amazing job to our runners. All participants did a fantastic job navigating 6.2 miles on the course. A total of 95 participants for our first official 10K road race, also our longest to date!" he said in a social media post.

Dela Cruz also extend-

ed his thanks to sponsors and the organizations that helped make sure the participants of the Grotto 10K were taken care of.

"Thanks to Tan Siu Lin Foundation for the T-shirts, Latte Built for the refreshments, and MARPAC for the water. Thank you so much to our Run Saipan volunteer race staff members and Northern Marianas Athletics for executing today's race. Thank you also to Northern Marianas College Project Proa, Marianas High School Dolphin Battalion, and Saipan International School for manning the various stations and parking for our runners," he said.

Last but not the least, Dela Cruz also reserved his

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Santos, Nate Camacho, J.J. Kintol, Peter Lieto, Thorn Sablan, Eli Aughenbaugh, Jerald Cabrera, James Benavente, Tyler Flores, Peter Tenorio,

T.K. Kim, Keith Kintol, Poland Masaharu, Brian Camacho, and Jordan Suel.

Tony Tenorio attributed Team Kliq's success in the

CNMI Youth Baseball Team Fundraiser to team chemistry as they've been together for a long time.

"We have such a big ros-

ter to accommodate boys that aren't always able to make games. But this roster never changes. Every tournament

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## Trench Tech Purebred Saipan promotes 2

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Trench Tech Purebred Saipan recently held a belt promotion ceremony at their BJJ Academy in the Mihaville Estates.

Promoted were 14-year-old Jarrod Muña in the adolescent category (12-15 years old) and Alverick Alvarez for the adult category.

Trench Tech owner and BJJ instructor Justis "Cuki" Alvarez said because Muña is under the age of 16, technically he doesn't qualify for the adult blue belt rank, so as an adolescent, he gets his green belt.

"Jarrod has been consistently training at Trench Tech for over a year and has shown much improvement in his technique and especially his understanding of the technique and how it is most efficiently and effectively used. He continues to improve each month and once he turns 16, he automatically becomes a

blue belt," he said.

Alvarez's son, 33-year-old Alverick, meanwhile, has been promoted to blue belt.

"Alverick of course has been training for over 15 years in both MMA and BJJ and has significantly improved in his skillset. He

has been a purple belt for over three years and continues to improve in both his technique and application of the technique in live sparring and rolling," said the elder Alvarez.

Muña welcomed the promotion and thanked Alvarez

for guiding him to reach his mixed martial arts goals.

"I feel deeply honored to have been promoted to the rank of green belt in BJJ. I also feel very happy that my work from last year has shown progress and that my coaches and professor have acknowledged my progression as well."

The Kagman High School freshman has his journey in MMA and BJJ is in no way finished and is actually just beginning.

"What this promotion means to me is that I have managed to accomplish a smaller goal of mine, but my journey is just getting started. I will have to keep putting in the hard work to achieve more. The people I'm dedicating this to are my family and friends for supporting me and the Trench Tech Gym for the awesome training they have been granting me the past year."

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Trench Tech Purebred Saipan owner and instructor Justis "Cuki" Alvarez poses with Jarrod Muña, left, and Alverick Alvarez during the latter two's promotion ceremony.